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## SUMMARY.

The Japanese at midnight on Wednesday occupied Tie-ling, 14 miles north of Mukden.

Twenty-four military trains are being run daily on the Siberian line. The Russian authorities hope to increase the number.

Twenty-two Japanese warships have been sighted off Singapore.

The Russians dropped a number of guns through the ice of rivers and abandoned others in ravines.

The Japanese expect after a search to recover much additional artillery.

General Kuropatkin claims to have repulsed a fierce attack on the Russian centre on the Fan-ho. He states that over 1000 Japanese bodies were left on the field.

It is stated that an attack by the Japanese on the Russian positions south of Tie-ling was repulsed by the South Siberian Army Corps.

It is expected that a wide flanking movement is developing entailing the withdrawal of the Russians northwards.

The Chinese of Mukden enthusiastically welcomed the Japanese.

The rapid pursuit by the Japanese compelled the Russians to abandon a train of carts laden with ammunition and war material extending a distance of 12 miles.

Civilian fugitives from Mukden are without shelter, and are on the roads and fields. Several have been murdered.

It is believed that there are no stores between Tie-ling and Harbin.

The postponement of the negotiations relative to the issue of the Russian loan in France is part of the pressure that is being exerted by that country to induce the Czar to capitulate.

Lord Rothschild states that France's postponement of the issue of the loan is tantamount to a refusal.

"The French know," he said, "that for Russia to continue the war means revolution, and to cease the war under present conditions also means revolution."

Lord Rothschild does not believe the French Government is exercising any pressure to bring about peace.

The British claim for £100,000 for the loss of the Knight Commander, sunk by the Vladivostock Squadron on July 24, has been handed to the Russian Government.

The British steamer Tacoma, which was carrying contraband for Vladivostock, has been captured by the Japanese.

The third squadron of the Baltic Fleet is at Suda Bay, Crete.

Five soldiers who were leaders in a military conspiracy in Russia to avoid going to the front have been executed in the Government of Grodno.

Four others were sentenced to imprisonment for life, and eight were sentenced to 20 years' imprisonment.

Thousands of persons, fearing that there will be a massacre, are leaving Baku daily.

Hurricanes are being experienced on the coasts of Great Britain.

The barque Khyber, which sailed from Melbourne on October 26 with a wheat cargo was wrecked on the coast of Cornwall.

Only three sailors were saved, 23 lives being lost. The Khyber was reduced to matchwood by the furious seas dashing her against the rocks.

The King of Spain will visit London and Paris in June.

The United States Senate has virtually laid aside the treaty negotiated with San Domingo affecting the debts of the Republic and controlling the Customs.

President Roosevelt, when informed of the fate of the treaty, said, "It is an abandonment of the Monroe doctrine."

Mr. John Hay, the United States Secretary of State, has been ordered a month's holiday in the Mediterranean, as he is suffering from overwork.

Sir Edward Grey, M.P., states that it would be inexpedient for the Liberals to take office unless they obtained a majority independent of the Irish Nationalists.

The Polar expedition to New Siberia, under Baron Toll, perished.

Lieutenant Koltchak, the head of an expedition sent in search, found a letter, dated 1902, on Bennett Island, showing the food of the expedition was exhausted.

Confidential documents relating to submarine torpedo-boats are missing from the French Ministry of Marine.

Dissatisfaction with the fortnightly mail service to Australia is growing in intensity.

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The Prime Minister was waited upon by Sir William M'Millan and representatives of the Orient Company yesterday.

It is understood that negotiations were reopened for a fortnightly mail service.

The elderly man who was refused admission to New Zealand was subjected to an examination by the health officer at Wellington.

The officer stated that the man was likely to become a charge on charitable aid through inability to obtain employment.

The Union S.S. Company refused to execute a bond under the Imbecile Passengers Act for £100, and the man was accordingly shipped back to Sydney.

At the public meeting addressed by the Premier of New Zealand at Auckland, objection was taken to Mr. W. Richardson, temperance lecturer, moving a hostile amendment from the platform.

Summonses have been issued by Mr. Richardson against the Mayor of Auckland and Inspector of Police charging them with assault.

The High Court will hold its first sitting at Sydney this year on Monday. There are seven appeals to be heard.

The fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the railways of this State will be celebrated in September by an exhibition in the Railway Institute.

A conference of Scottish societies will be held in Sydney at Easter in order to enlarge the societies' influence, extending benevolent grants and for other objects.

In the cricket match at Wellington New Zealand scored 94, and the Australians lost one wicket (M'Leod) for 51.

A conference between representatives of the pastoralists and shearers was opened at Melbourne yesterday.

Proposals were made in regard to the conditions of labour and rate of wages paid by the Pastoralists' Association of Victoria and Southern Riverina.

H.M.S. Cadmus has been despatched from Hobart to the scene of the wreck of the barque Acacia.

The four bodies found on the beach near the wreck will be taken to Hobart.

Fourteen days have elapsed since the steamer Pilbarra left Noumea for Fiji. The trip usually occupies four days.

The French warship Meurthe which was despatched from Noumea, and the Fiji Government's steam yacht Ranadi, are searching for the missing vessel.

The University examinations show that of 362 candidates for matriculation 153 passed.

At the entrance examination for law, medicine, and science there were 51 candidates, of whom 26 passed and 10 qualified for matriculation.

It is understood that the price paid by the Victorian Government for the Wyuna Estate was £120,000.

A party of cricketers were driving from Leongatha to Fairbank (Vic.), when the horses bolted down a steep decline.

Seven of the occupants were thrown out and injured, but none very seriously.

The Australian mails brought by the Omrah consisted of 35 bags of letters and papers, and 70 packages of parcels post.

Nearly 29,000 sheep and lambs were penned at the Homebush yards yesterday, and sheep values were lower.

Lambs were in moderate supply, and values were well up to late rates.

Although only 919 head of cattle were yarded, the supply was ample for the demand, and values were generally weaker.

The import market was quiet yesterday, and wheat was unchanged.

There was a moderate activity in the Mining market.

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SATURDAY, March 25, noon; and April 5, 17.
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Notice is hereby given that the Directors have this day declared a DIVIDEND (the Fourth) of SIXPENCE PER SHARE on all Shares in the Company, payable at the Registered Office of the Company, 109 Pitt-street, Sydney, on and after the 30th day of March, 1905.
By order of the Board.
R. VERNON SADDINGTON, Manager.
Sydney, 15th March, 1905.
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"Carmen Fantasie" .......... Van Biene.

and

"HOME, SWEET HOME."

## AUCTION SALES.

INGLIS'S BAZAAR, THIS DAY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON will sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, at 10.30 sharp, Vans, Springcarts, Horses, and Harness, Draught Horses, Tipcarts, Horses, and Harness, And at 11 a.m., Horses and Vehicles of every description, specially advertised. Tel., 1331.

HORSES. HORSES. HORSES.

CAMPERDOWN YARDS.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, AT 2 P.M.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, as above.
On account Mr. Patrick Mooney, The Meadow, Taralga.
15 Upstanding light Horses, nearly all broken, stanch workers. Among the lot is a brown Filly, 4yrs, by Brazil out of a Yattendon mare; also bay Carriage Colt, would make a splendid match.

On account Northern Agents, Barraba.
25 first-class Horses, comprising heavy and medium Draughts, strong light Harness and Saddle Horses, and a few real good Ponies. All the right ages, in good condition, broken and unbroken. Among the light horses is a brown Mare, 4yrs old, broken to saddle, by the Trotting Stallion Wonbobbie.

On account Owner.
5 Strong Ponies, in heights 12.2 to 14.1, 4 to 6 years old, broken and unbroken.

On account of Mr. W. C. Thorn, Beaconsfield Estate. An active farm Gelding and 2 light Horses.

On account of Mr. W. Craig, Waitara.
Chestnut Pony Mare, 14 hands, 5yrs, reliable in saddle and harness.

On account of Owner.
Dappled brown Gelding, 6yrs, thoroughly broken to harness, suit a medical or private gentleman.

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Chestnut Gelding, quiet and reliable in saddle, single and double harness, highly recommended.

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WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. G. B. ALLEN to sell by auction, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11 a.m.,
Strong Cobby Brown Pony, 12 hands, reliable in saddle, s. and d. harness, used to town. (Sold only because owner has left for England.) Also, B.S. Sulky, suit a pony 12 to 14 hands.

3 FIRST-CLASS SULKY TURNOUTS, etc.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., 3 First-class Sulky Turnouts, Gent.'s Saddle and Sundry Harness; also Creamy Pony Mare (Ace of Clubs brand), quiet to ride or drive.

2 SUPERIOR TURNOUTS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11 a.m., Bay Pony Mare, 14 hands, fast and quiet, Hooded Buggy (exceptionally light), of good quality, and Harness equal to new; also upstanding Bay Gelding, 16 hands, quiet and reliable, hooded Cutunder Sociable and Harness.

12 HIGH-CLASS HORSES FROM MAITLAND.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. J. C. MARKHAM, West Maitland, to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
12 Upstanding High-class Horses, consisting of ten stylish Greys and two Creamies, including one Gelding, very quiet in saddle and harness, and winner of several polo prizes. The above will be found worthy of inspection, and are suited for van, cab, omnibus, business carts, and buggy work.

WELL-BRED HACKNEY.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m., PLAYBOY, bay gelding, very handsome and well bred, broken to saddle, and is a perfect hackney.

HARNESS MARE, FROM BOWRAL.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. L. H. Roberts, Bowral, to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 11.30 a.m.,
Brown Mare, broken to harness and stanch.

TO RACING MEN AND OTHERS.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions from Mr. A. J. SEARLE to sell by auction, at their Bazaar, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, at 12 o'clock, ADMISSION, Brown Mare, 5yrs, 15 hands, Ken. cert., by Eridisford (imp.) from Quip.

2 WELL-KNOWN RACING PONIES.

WILLIAM INGLIS and SON have received instructions to sell by auction, THIS DAY, at 12 o'clock, BLUE CAP II., by Sunrise from Young Blue Bonnet; also CORRIE, by Mulconda, from Cissy. Full pedigrees and performances at sale.

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NEXT SATURDAY AFTERNOON, 18th inst., at 3.

H. D. ELLIOTT and CO. have received instructions from Owners to sell by auction, Without Reserve, 40 High-class New, S'hand Vehicles, 8 Superior Sulkies, Sociables, Carryalls, Victorias, Phaetons, Buggies, Dogcarts, Village, Pagnel, Butter Carts, Surveyors', Farmers Waggons, Vans, Horses, Harness. H. D. ELLIOTT will sell NEXT SATURDAY, 3 p.m. Tel., 2447.

ELLIS and CO. will sell by auction, at their Yards, Quay-street, THIS DAY, at 1 sharp,—Vealers, Porkers, Baconers, Store Pigs, Suckers, Carcase Pork and Veal, Roll and Keg Butter, Eggs, Lard, Fruit, Poultry of every description, Pigeons, Birds, 20 cwt. prime Farm-fed Bacon, 15 cwt. Pure Extracted Honey.

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will sell by Auction at
THEIR SALE ROOM AND YARDS,
Thomas-street, Haymarket,
THIS DAY, at 1.30 p.m.,
Sucking Pigs, Poultry, Eggs, Honey, etc.

C. J. TURNER will sell, at his Rooms, the Poultry Farmers' Exchange, Valentine-street, Haymarket, at 1.30 THIS DAY,
Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, etc.

SALES BY AUCTION will be held TO-DAY by the Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Co., Ltd., John Bridge and Co., Ltd., Dalgety and Co., Ltd., Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Ltd., Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd., Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Co., Ltd., Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd., as under:—
At the Wool Exchange, Macquarie-place, SHEEPSKINS, at 10.30 a.m.; HIDES, at 1.30 p.m.

HIDES AND SHEEPSKINS.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY, Limited, will sell by Auction, THIS DAY, at the Wool Saleroom, Macquarie-place, at 10.30,
Sheepskins.
And at 1.30 o'clock,
Hides.

GEORGE H. MOXHAM and CO. sell by Auc. This Day at Wool Exchange, Sheepskins, 11; Hides, 1.30 p.m.

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THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
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HIGHLY SUPERIOR FURNITURE
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At the Australian Bond, at 11 a.m.

ON ACCOUNT OF WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

WITH ALL FAULTS.

Ex "ORIZABA" IN BOND.

ABM in diamond, 13 outside,
1 Case La Legitimidad Cigars, contg. 10,000.

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AT THE ROOMS, 556 GEORGE-STREET,
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UNRESERVED SALE BY AUCTION.
In the Assigned Estate of
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The Whole of the Stock-in-Trade of Gold and Silver Jewellery, Clocks, Sterling Silver and Electroplated Ware,
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WITHOUT ANY RESERVE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY, 17th MARCH,
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AT KELSON'S CENTRAL SALEROOMS,
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IMPORTANT SALE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE.
Dining, Drawing, and Bedroom Suites, Brass and Nickel Bedsteads, Carpets, Linoleums, Mats, Crockery, Cutlery, Glassware, Pictures, Kitchen Furniture, Utensils, and Sundries.
A quantity of clean second-hand Furniture sent in for Positive Sale.

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IMPORTANT NOTICE.

THIS DAY, FRIDAY,
at
14 COLLEGE-STREET, HYDE PARK.

*** SPECIAL ATTENTION is directed to the SALE of the FEW REMAINING LOTS at the Residence of Mrs. RUSSELL, 14 College-street, Hyde Park, THIS DAY, FRIDAY, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
BEDROOM SUITE, in Solid Walnut
DRAWING-ROOM CABINET, in Dark Mahogany
DRAWING-ROOM SETTEE, upholstered in Silk Tapestry
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UNDER IMPERATIVE INSTRUCTIONS.
GAS ENGINE AND SUNDRY MACHINERY.

A. G. JENKINS will sell as above THIS MORNING.
ABSOLUTELY WITHOUT RESERVE.

IMPORTANT NOTICE TO BOOT MANUFACTURERS, DEALERS IN MACHINERY, and Others.
MONDAY, MARCH 20th, at 11 a.m.
At the CENTRAL AUCTION ROOMS, 274 PITT-ST.
Under instructions from
THE MASTER IN LUNACY,
WORKING PLANT OF A BOOT FACTORY,
comprising all the necessary appliances.

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Machinery.
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IMPORTANT SALE OF BUILDING MATERIALS,
BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
THIS DAY, FRIDAY, MARCH 17th, at 11 o'clock,
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30,000 First-class Machine and Sandstock Bricks
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At 11 o'clock, Clothing, Boots, Blankets, etc.
At 3 o'clock, Sundries and Jewellery.

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THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

ORDER OF SALE.

CITY AND SUBURBAN PROPERTIES
to be
SOLD BY PUBLIC AUCTION,
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THIS DAY, FRIDAY.

SURRY HILLS.—Butcher's Shop and Dwelling, Bourke and Ridge streets.
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MACDONALDTOWN.—Residence, Twickenham, and large Land, corner of Burren and Wilson streets. Executors' Sale.
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NORTH ANNANDALE.—Two Cottages and Land, Breillat and Pritchard streets.
LEICHHARDT.—Cottage, No. 73 Marlborough-street.
LEICHHARDT.—Two Dwellings, Nos. 106 and 108 Edith-street, between Regent and Allen streets. Mortgagee's Sale.
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# ON THE LAND.

## FARM AND STATION.

### SEVENTY-TWO MILLIONS OF MONEY.

It may profit little to reflect upon the enormous sums of money which have been received by New South Wales through the disposal of her national estate. All the same the fact that up to the present the enormous sum of seventy-two millions of money has come into the Treasury from this source should provide some food for reflection on the possibilities of the future. The total from land sales is about 38 millions, and the balance has come from rents and payments for land under various forms of tenure, much of which is being purchased. These fine fat figures take no account of the lands granted to enterprising settlers and people who were credited in early days with having rendered special service to the Crown or the country. The other day Sir George Turner remarked that the people of New South Wales were entitled to ask what had become of five millions of money which represented additional revenue contributed since Federation was accomplished. Perhaps the taxpayers of this country are also entitled to ask what has happened to that seventy-two millions received in the course of a century from the public estate, and it is pretty certain that the answer would be as unsatisfactory in one case as in the other. The only sure thing is that the millions have vanished, the land has been alienated, and the State of New South Wales has nothing in particular to show for the money.

The total is nearly equal to that of the national debt, and it would be a nice question to decide whether the land revenue or the sums received from sales had the slightest effect in checking the ever-increasing indebtedness to foreign creditors. If that could be conceded the imagination could find exercise in endeavouring to realise what the extent of our borrowing would have been had there been no lands to sell and lease. The State borrowed to build its railways; indeed, it would be hard to name any public work which was not carried out on loan money. Under these circumstances it would be difficult to imagine how the various Governments of New South Wales could have made a worse financial mess of things than they accomplished. Had the simple, honest plan been adopted of devoting land revenue to the construction of works necessary to the development of the country there would at no time have been the least difficulty in finding money for necessary railways, roads, and water conservation and distribution. To devote the money received from lands to other purposes, and then borrow for necessary works to open the country, was brazen misappropriation of the public funds. Doubtless the Government is what the people make it, and if the people wished to have their heritage squandered amongst them while they escaped the responsibility of contributing to the revenue, there is nothing more to be said.

The position to which the reckless disregard of the plain destination of the money received from lands has brought the country is, however, forced upon the consideration of the public. At present it is practically impossible to carry out much-needed railways, or to undertake large irrigation works in order to put the country to its best uses. Money cannot be raised, and, therefore, the development of the new country cannot proceed. If only the thirty-eight millions sterling received from the sale of public lands had been devoted to the construction of works and the revenue now being received from lands was being expended in the development of the country, not the slightest difficulty would exist. I have suggested that the people might in that case have had to contribute more revenue, and this is, perhaps, a popular view. But would that have been necessary? New South Wales has had five millions extra revenue in the past few years. It cannot be shown that this money was in the least necessary to carry on the government of the country, nor can it be shown that any portion of the sum was expended on public works. The Government received the extra money, and borrowing for works went on more furiously than ever. It has to be remembered that had the money received from lands been earmarked and devoted to works, the annual interest bill of the State would have been some two-thirds smaller than it is, and this would have saved a large sum annually, which must be raised as revenue.

Surely the people must be interested just now in the question, whether the old system, the records of which are a standing disgrace to every Treasurer who has held office, is to be continued. The Government contemplates the construction of the North Coast railway, and the carrying out of, at least, one large scheme of water conservation. In each case the works will certainly promote increased receipts from lands, while the regular revenue from the same source will continue. Will the Government endeavour to borrow the money to make these works, or will it propose to devote the revenue from lands to its legitimate purpose? If the latter course were undertaken the works could begin at a very early date, and it is almost certain that if the finances were properly managed, the people would get much greater benefit through this plan than they can hope for under the old system of spending every penny of revenue, and borrowing money for developmental works.

## LAND SETTLEMENT.

The following statement shows the area of lands selected under the Crown Lands Acts from January 1 to March 15, 1905:—

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| Homestead selections .. | 17,971 acres. |
| Settlement leases ..... | 97,086 acres. |
| Additional purchases . | 58,917 acres. |
| Additional leases ...... | 129,148 acres. |
| Total ............ | 303,122 acres. |

The period includes ten land office days, and the area made specially available since the beginning of the year is 508,883 acres.

## CONTRACT SHEARING.

"Hector" writes:—It is hard to understand what pastoralists are thinking of in encouraging and patronising this unsatisfactory system. Our valuable wool clip and the great industry as a whole are worthy of more consideration. In view of the present condition of labour it is also a short-sighted policy, for it tends directly to encourage rough shearing. Once a shearer, no matter how clean and careful a workman he may be, goes through a season in a contract shed, he is ruined as far as good, conscientious work is concerned, and worse than useless to any owner who insists on having his sheep and wool handled with care. Shed overseers or superintendents are also being spoiled from the same cause, for the contractor will not employ those who keep a tight hold on the men. I know of scores of instances where young men have been taught to shear carefully and quietly, and with regard to the good of the sheep and fleece. The following year they get a run of sheds working for a contractor, with the result they return rough, wild, rushing tomahawkers, and their 'boss is a blanky blank because he won't stand it.' I have had 25 years' experience of shearing, mostly in charge of sheds, and I say without hesitation the quality of the work becomes worse each year. For this the sheepowners have only themselves to blame, inasmuch as it is pace, not quality, that they encourage. A quiet, careful, shearer, doing from 90 to 100 sheep a day, and handling his employer's property with care, is frequently not noticed, whilst another, because he is throwing out 140 to 160 a day, and making a mess of it, is the hero of the shed. Contractors cannot afford to keep any but fast men, or even allow a learner time to learn thoroughly. Hurry up they must; therefore it is all to their interest to encourage great pace in the men, and also to "raise the cut" in the districts wherever they go, and without doubt this is being done. That barbarous custom of kneeling on the "crutch" of the sheep is also the outcome of pandering to pace, and few owners seem to realise the actual loss and damage this entails, to say nothing of the cruelty of the practice. Sheep hurt in this way go back into their paddocks and die in agony. On examination the pelvic cavity is found badly bruised, and in many cases of young sheep the bones split. There has been talk of starting a shearing school at Homebush, which is a good move in its way, but it rests with the employer, after a man has learnt, to insist on having his work done properly. If this is not done any shearer will get "rough," and small blame to him. Those pastoralists who take a personal interest in the handling of their produce, and insist on good work being done, are finding it harder each year to obtain labour, and they deserve the thanks and assistance of all *classes of employers*. This matter should be worthy the consideration of the Pastoralists' Union, and, in view of the future, they could bring their influence to bear in dissuading members from letting their shearing by contract. Those who do so are, for the sake of a little gain and saving of trouble, evading their duty to other employers, and at the same time making a rod for their own backs.

## THE PASTEUR RABBIT DISEASE.

Mr. Coleman Phillips writes from New Zealand:—In *my opinion* Dr. Danysz and Dr. Breitner really do not know any better remedy than that of their late great chief, Pasteur, viz., chicken cholera, which has failed on the open country wherever tried. No artificial disease will be found of practical use against the rabbit pest. Only the natural diseases I have so long advocated (viz., liver rot, bladder worm, lice, and scab), will be found of service. These you have with you, and constantly showing themselves, but no one among you knows how to spread them. I can direct you when you allow me, but you appear to want some artificial remedy of "extermination," which you will never get. Moreover, no disease alone will conquer the rabbit. Other measures must be adopted, which you have not followed yet. Disease is not the chief remedy against the rabbit. My old remedies of 1883 must be followed in their entirety. These have succeeded in New Zealand, and will succeed with you. The conquest of the pest is not a difficult task, but one of time now, only I must be excused for saying that I do not know any people who have been so utterly wrong upon any great question as the New South Wales pastoralists have been for over 20 years upon this one of rabbit suppression. Luckily, you can conquer this really terrible curse on the land directly you determine to apply common sense natural methods, in place of seeking for an absurd plan of some disease "to exterminate the pest." I wonder where we should be now in New Zealand if we had followed your footsteps. Pasteur was one of the giant intellects of the nineteenth century, but I knew in 1888 that I had the great chemist beaten on this rabbit question, and it as as well known now also in Queensland that chicken cholera virus is useless. The whole question narrows itself to this—your pastoralists think the Pasteur Institute can assist them. I contend that it cannot do so. We shall see who is right.

[Australia is still waiting to learn exactly how Mr. Coleman Phillips deals with the rabbits, and meanwhile the official reports in New Zealand state that in various important districts rabbits are increasing, and, strange to say, no reference to Mr. Philips, or his discovery, appears in these reports.]

## DISTRICT ITEMS.

MURWILLUMBAH.—Thirteen applications were received for a block of 65 acres near Mullumbimby, at £10 per acre. J. M'Carthy was the successful applicant.

TAMWORTH.—The butter factory's output for February was 15 tons. The net returns to suppliers was £1134 17s 8d.

## AGRICULTURAL SHOWS.

### NEWCASTLE SHOW.

FIRST DAY.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The fourth annual exhibition of the Newcastle and District Agricultural, Horticultural, Pastoral, and Industrial Association was opened to-day at Broadmeadow. The show ground was in good order, and evidence of considerable improvement effected by the society during the past year was abundantly apparent. Everything was in good order, and the fine weather was responsible for an excellent attendance, numbering about 8000. Mr. Joseph Wood formally opened the exhibition, and afterwards presided at the official luncheon. A brief toast list was honoured. The chairman proposed "The Federal and State Parliaments," which was responded to by Mr. D. Watkins, M.P., and Mr. W. T. Dick, Honorary Minister. The latter gratified the members of the society by announcing that the Minister for Lands had consented to grant to the committee the fee simple of the show ground. Everything connected therewith had been completed, and the deed of grant had only to lie on the table of the House the specified period to become effective.

The show in several respects was an improvement on that of last year, many sections having filled better. Cattle were poorly represented. There was a better entry for horses, however, particularly in pony sections. In beef cattle Mr. O. Wills was most successful, but had little or no competition; while in dairy cattle Mr. F. W. Turner and Mr. J. Hanlon secured the premier places for Durhams. In Ayrshires Mr. S. W. Smith swept the board. As regards Jerseys and Alderneys, the leading exhibitors were Messrs W. Blissett, S. Hewson, S. W. Smith, R. S. P. Croudace, Dr. Meredith, and F. W. Turner. For farmer's stock, the principal prize-winners were Messrs. Croudace and A. O. Browne. Swine were poorly represented. Mr. J. E. Smith secured the first prize in almost every class. Poultry was exceedingly well represented, and the section was one of the best features of the show. Among the most successful exhibitors may be mentioned the Bonaventure Poultry Farm, J. Finlayson, Forest Home Poultry Farm, J. C. Wood, W. A. Lee, W. Wilson, Hughes Bros., J. F. Scoble, S. Collard, W. Baker, J. Blakemore, J. Cleaves, and W. Gibson. There was also a good exhibition in the industrial and fine arts sections.

The following awards were made for blood stock:—

Stallion, 4 yrs and over: L. Kuhn's Eureka, 1. Mare: Allan M'Lean's Lucy, 1; J. T. Smith, sen.'s, The Image, 2. Stallion, 3 yrs and under: A. W. Goodwin's Bonnie Bill, 1; P. O'Hanlon's Dean Swift, 2. Mare: W. Norgard, 1. Blood foal: F. Paddock, 1; W. Meagher, 2. Filly foal: Allan M'Lean, 1. Mare, any age: S. Arnott's Sylvia, 1; Charles Lynch, 2. Trotting colt or filly, 2 yrs and under 3: J. G. Williams' Miss Violet, 1; W. C. Hawkins, 2. Ditto, colt or filly: S. W. Smith, 1; J. P. Nolan, 2. Coachers.—Stallion, any age: Adams and Coxon, 1. Ditto, mare: J. H. Phippson, 1. Yearling colt: W. Hughes' Sir William H., 1; G. Adamson, 2. Yearling filly: S. W. Smith, 1; J. Murray, 2. Colt foal: W. Hughes, 1. Filly foal: J. Murray, 1. Hackneys.—Mare, 3 yrs and over: S. W. Smith, 1. Heavy draught stock.—Stallion, 4 yrs and over: Adams and Coxon, 1. Mare: George Wills, 1. Stallion, 3 yrs and under 4: John Graham's Honour Bright, 1; Gloucester Estate, Ltd., 2. Stallion, 2 yrs and under 3: Geo. Worboys, 1. Stallion, 1 yr and under 2: A. Crouse, 1. Filly foal, under 12 months: Lewis Jackson, 1. Active draught stallion, 3 yrs and over: A. L. Button, 1; Adams and Coxon, 2. Mare: F. W. Turner, 1 and 2. Filly, under 3 yrs: R. Boyce, 1. Ponies.—Stallion, 13 and not exceeding 14 hands: W. Baker, 1; O. W. Turner, 2. Mare: F. F. Hyndes, 1; Mrs. W. Trafford, 2. Stallion, 12 hands and not exceeding 13: A. R. Edwards, 1; J. R. Meredith, 2. Mare: C. Weller, 1; A. E. Turner, 2. Stallion, under 12 hands: F. Pickering, 1; E. A. Hollinshead, 2. Mare: R. M'Auliffe, 1; G. H. Hall, 2. Pony, mare or gelding, 13 hands and not exceeding 14: J. P. Nolan, 1; J. and W. Logan, 2. Mare: R. A. Paget, 1; A. E. Turner, 2. Pony, mare or gelding, under 12 hands: Miss Vera Steele, 1; Stanley Cook, 2.

Dairy Produce.—Butter, hand-made: R. S. P. Croudace, 1. Made with separator: S. W. Smith, 1 and 2. Best five hams and best collection bacon: John M'Lean, 1.

### GLEN INNES AND CENTRAL NEW ENGLAND.

GLEN INNES, Thursday.

The Glen Innes and Central New England Society's exhibition was continued to-day, the weather being again beautifully fine and the attendance very large—in fact, a record for the third day of any previous exhibition, due, no doubt, to the attractiveness of the programme submitted. As on previous days, the display of farm produce and the trophies of the Moreton district of Queensland and Glen Innes district exhibited in the interstate agricultural competition were the centre of attraction, and they are without doubt the most interesting features of the exhibition. The expert judges have freely expressed the opinion that the two trophies are the best of their class ever exhibited in the States; while Mr. Campbell, the Government agricultural expert, who acted as one of the judges, considers that they would be a credit to any show in the world. Acknowledgment is due to those in charge of the trophies for the manner in which they have been displayed and the amount of trouble taken in getting such excellent exhibits together. The Moreton district exhibit is in charge of Mr. M'Donald, representing the National Association of Queensland, and Mr. Robinson, president of the Moreton District Association, while Mr. George Carvell is mainly responsible for the Glen Innes exhibition. In the jumping events large fields were entered, and the jumping was good, particularly in the hunters' competition. The maiden hunters was won by Mr. W. Lawler's Black Bess, and the champion hunters by Mr. M'Farland's All Fours, which horse also accounted for the champion high jump.

The following additional awards have been made:—

Horses.—Blood stallion, 3yrs and over: L. Want, 1; D. M'Gregor, 2. Arab stallion, 2yrs: A. M. White, 1; H. Miller, 2. Hackney stallion: J. H. Miller. Draught stallion, 3yrs: C. Sewell, 1; W. Bull, 2. Suffolk Punch stallion, 2yrs: W. Webber. Pony stallion over 12½ hands: P. P. Abbott, 1; W. Bull, 2. Pony stallion under 12½ hands: D. Lynn, 1; F. Kime, 2. Champion blood stallion: L. Want. Champion draught stallion: C. Sewell. Champion Suffolk Punch stallion: W. Webber. Champion pony stallion: P. P. Abbott. Blood mare, 3yrs: J. F. White, 1; D. Lynn, 2. Blood filly, 2yrs: J. W. Taylor. Coaching mare: J. W. Taylor. Draught filly: D. Bull. Draught mare: J. Winter. Suffolk Punch filly: D. Lynn. Suffolk Punch mare: D. Lynn. Pony mare, under 14h: J. White, 1; F. Gore, 2. Pony mare, 13 hands: Cecil Bloxsome. Champion blood mare: F. J. White. Champion draught mare: J. Winter. Champion Suffolk Punch mare: D. Lynn. Champion pony mare: C. Bloxsome. 14st hackney: J. F. White, 1; L. Want, 2. 12st hackney: L. Want, 1; A. F. Ross, 2. 10st hackney: A. M. White, 1; A. F. Ross, 2. Ladies' hack: L. Want, 1; A. F. Ross, 2. Pair of lady and gentleman's hacks: G. H. Davis, 1; A. F. Ross, 2. Farmers' hackney: R. G. Palmer. Pair buggy horses, 15 hands: D. M. Sinclair, 1; L. Want, 2. Pair buggy horses, 14 hands: D. M'Intyre, 1; A. M. White, 2. Four-in-hand: L. Want, 1; Sinclair and M'Intyre, 2. Tandem pair: L. Want. Pair of buggy ponies, over 13 hands: B. C. White. Pair of buggy ponies, under 13 hands: F. J. Thomas. Single buggy pony, over 13 hands: F. J. White. Single buggy pony, under 13 hands: R. M'Kerihan. Spring-cart horse: J. Watts, 1; F. E. Sayers, 2. Pair of plough horses: D. Bull, 1; E. Heinrichs, 2. Draught foal: J. Winter.

Jumping Events.—Maiden hunters: W. Lawlor's Black Bess, 1; W. R. Carver's Kylor, 2. Galloway hunter: W. Carver's Sterling, 1; J. Currie's Florrie, 2. Champion high jump: C. Macfarland's All Fours, 1; C. Davis's Countess, 2. Champion hunters: C. J. Macfarland's All Fours, 1; W. Bambery's Spencer, 2. Consolation hunter: W. Bambery's Spencer. Sheepdog trials: G. Bowers. Cattle-drafting contest: A. M. White.

### GOULBURN.

GOULBURN, Thursday.

The twenty-fourth show of the A., P., and H. Society was opened to-day by Mr. Ashton, Minister for Lands. He said that the prosperity of the country depended mainly upon the conditions under which great producing interests carried on their affairs. He thought it was one of the most hopeful political signs of the present moment that public opinion was being diverted from more or less experimental, if not wild cat, schemes for the reconstruction of society, and was steadily concentrating itself upon the conclusion that the only way to permanently promote the prosperity of the country was by giving more and closer attention to the welfare of the people on the land. Mr. Conroy, M.P., attended. The show is, on the whole, an excellent one. A magnificent display was made by the Wagga Experimental Farm. Awards:—

Blood stallion, 3 years and over: G. Massy's Epinicion, 1; W. Siggs's King Jewel, 2. Stallion best adapted to produce hackneys and cavalry horses: King Jewel, 1; N. M'Innes' Young Rocket, 2. Arab stallion: Geggs' Iroquois, 1; Tuttlebee's Lothair, 2. Mare: Mitchell and Son, 1; D. M'Donald, 2. Mare: F. J. M'Callum, 1; W. Siggs, 2. Coaching mare: A. L. Faithfull, 1; D. Gibson, 2. Draught stallion: Boreham's Rockford, 1 and champion; Jobson Bros.'s Prince Royal, 2; Phillips' Douglas, 3. Stallion, under 3 years: E. Jobson, 1. Mare: W. A. Martin, 1 and 2. Pair of plough horses: Martin, 1; T. M'Auley, 2; F. Gibson, 3. Active farm horse: Gibson, 1; Macauley, 2. Clean-legged stallion: Steins' Brilliant Lad, 1. Trotting stallion: Faithfull's Ariel, 1; Bray's Lord Jersey, 2. Mare: Faithfull's Nest, 1; Faithfull's Duchess, 2. Pony stallion: Boreham's Sydney Dandy, 1; Morrice's Comet, 2. Shetland stallion: Shepherd's Tom Thumb, 1. Mare: W. Chapple, 1; Charteris Bros., 2.

Cattle.—Principal prize-winners:—Durhams: W. Wood, H. Dunn, T. B. Thoroughgood, Hannon, and Everton. Herefords: Faithfull. Ayrshires: A. Delauret, Wood. Alderneys and Jerseys: E. Payten, A. E. Powell, J. Navin. Dairy Durhams: Thoroughgood, Duncan, J. Emmerton, F. Shepherd, J. Plumb. Dairy cattle: Plumb, Navin, Thoroughgood, J. Noseworthy. Three oxen: F. Gibson, 1; A. L. Faithfull, 2. Three cows: Faithfull, 1. Ox: Gibson, 1; Faithfull, 2. Cow: Faithfull, 1.

Merino wethers: G. Merriman, 1. Merino ewes: A. D. Swan, 1. Merino lambs: Swan, 1. Coarse-woolled wethers: Gibson, 1. Coarse-woolled ewes: Gibson, 1. Coarse-woolled lambs, Gibson, 1. Comeback wethers: J. Fenwick, 1. Comeback ewes: Swan, 1. Comeback lambs: W. Wood, 1. Open class—Ram: Faithfull, 1; G. Merriman, 2. Ewe: C. C. Hall, 1. Fine wool ram: Merriman, 1; Faithfull, 2. Ram under 2½ yrs: Hall, 1; Faithfull, 2. Ram under 12 months: Merriman, 1. Champion ram: Merriman, 1. Ewe, 2½ yrs: Hall, 1; Merriman, 2. Ewe, under 2½ yrs: Hall, 1; Faithfull, 2. Ewe, under 12 months: Hall, 1. Champion ewe: Hall, 1. Strong wool ram: Hall, 1; Merriman, 2. Ram, under 2½ yrs: Hall, 1; Faithfull, 2. Ram, under 12 months: Hall, 1. Champion ram: Hall, 1. Ewe, 2½ yrs: Hall, 1; Faithfull, 2. Ewes, under 2½ yrs: Hall, 1; Faithfull, 2. Ewes, under 12 months: G. W. Merriman, 1; W. T. Merriman, 2. Champion ewe: Hall, 1. Farmers' section.—Chief prize takers: Merriman (champion ram and ewe), W. M'Clung. Hall won the special of 22 gs for five flock rams bred by exhibitor, and the grand champions for merino ram and ewes.

### DELEGATE.

DELEGATE, Thursday.

The Delegate Show was held on Tuesday and Wednesday, there being good attendances. The principal awards were:—

Blood Horses.—Stallion: Kirkenong estate. Colt, 2yrs: D. Stutchbury. Colt, 1yr: J. A. Hensleigh. Filly, 2yrs: Mrs. Denney. Filly, 1yr: D. Stutchbury. Foal at foot: D. Stutchbury. Best blood foal bred within 25 miles of Delegate: A. H. Jeffreys. Heavy draughts, stallion: Jno. Jones. Dry mare: Jno. Jones. Colt, 1yr: Miss M'Donald. Foal at foot: Kirkenong estate. Light draughts, stallion: M. Bartley. Pony stallion: H. Little. Miscellaneous horses—brood mare, suitable Indian remounts: John Beasley. Mare, all round useful: Kirkenong estate. Fourteen stone hackney: A. Hukins. Eleven stone hackney: A. Hukins, 1 and 2. Lady's hackney: A. Hukins, 1 and 2. Buggy pair: A. Hukins. Heavy buggy horse: A. Hukins. Light harness horse: A. Hukins. Pair of plough horses: John Jones. Spring cart horse: Glencoe estate. Pony hackney: H. Little. Pair harness ponies: Single harness pony: E. S. Heffernan. Lady rider (who has never won a prize): Miss Jane Bartley. Hunter's prize: A. Hukins's Signal. Jumping hackney: H. Guthrie's Belmore. High jump: A. Hukins. Trotting gelding or mare: James Robinson's Goodmans. Special for jumping pony: H. Little and A. Jeffreys divided. Special for blood mare: R. Campbell. Special for best foal by Dramatic: Kirkenong estate. Blood colt or filly: Kirkenong estate, 1; M'Donald, 2. Special for foal by Baronet: Kirkenong estate.

Cattle.—Shorthorn bull, any age: D. Campbell. Bull, 1 year: Delegate Station. Champion shorthorn cow: Delegate Station. Shorthorn cow: Delegate Station. Heifer: Delegate Station. Heifer (for owners of 300 head): Delegate Station. Jersey cow: D. Stutchbury. Fat bullock: G. D. Walcott. Fat cow; D. Wilson.

Sheep.—Strong wool ewe: J. T. Helmers. Fine wool ram: A. H. Wright. Ewe: J. T. Helmers. Medium wool ram: Glencoe Estate. Ewe: J. T. Helmers. Merino wool fleece: Miss Campbell. Pen merino lamb rams: Martin Bros. Ewe lambs: J. T. Helmers. Champion merino ram under 2 years: A. H. Wright. Champion ram, any age: Glencoe Estate. Pen of merino ewes: A. H. Wright. Breeders of under 3000—Strong wool ram: Martin Bros. Ewe: Martin Bros. Fine wool ewe: Martin Bros. Medium wool ram: Glencoe Estate. Ewe: J. T. Helmers. Champion ram: Glencoe Estate. Champion ewe: Martin Bros. Pen of merino ewes under 2 years: D. Campbell, 1; A. H. Jeffreys, special. Champion merino ewe: Martin Bros. Shropshires.—Ram, 2 years: Delegate Station. Ewe, 2 years: A. H. Wright. Ram: G. D. Walcott. Ewe, two-tooth: A. H. Wright. Fat sheep.—Pen of 3 merino wethers: D. Wilson. 3 merino lambs: D. Campbell. 3 crossbred lambs: A. H. Wright. Fat wether: Delegate Station. Ewe: Delegate Station; McKay, special. 3 merino ewes: D. Campbell.

Foods.—50lb potatoes, any variety: E. Clark. Collection of potatoes: Glencoe Estate. Collection of cereals: Glencoe Estate. Collection of farm produce: T. W. Rodwell. White wheat: Glencoe Estate. Red wheat: Glencoe Estate. Manitoba wheat: Glencoe Estate. Cape barley: Delegate Station. General collection of new wheat: Glencoe Estate. Oaten hay: J. M'Donald. Oaten chaff: Kirkenong Estate. Field peas: Glencoe Estate. 25lb flour from wheat grown by exhibitor: Delegate Station.

Vegetables.—General collection of vegetables, excluding potatoes: Tiy Yeck, 1; J. Plowright (special). Onions, French beans, white turnips, Swede turnips, and carrots: Tiy Yeck. Rhubarb: Cometville Estate. Broad beans: H. Allen. Green peas: Cometville Estate. Carrots: John Feltis. Parsnips: D. Stutchbury. Turnips and radishes: Cometville Estate. Table cabbage: J. H. Baird.

Sheep-dog Trial.—W. Clear, 80 points, 1; W. P. Horsman, 78 points, 2.

### GULGONG.

GULGONG, Thursday.

The show was continued to-day under most favourable conditions. Over 2000 visitors were present. Awards:—

Blood stallion: R. Rouse. Mare: S. B. Rouse. Draught stallion: Mudgee Horse Breeding Syndicate. Mare: E. M. Bowman. Filly: Bowman. Foal: W. Jackson. Pair draught horses: J. Page. Team three horses: J. Jackson. Pair plough horses, in harness: J. Page. Farmers not holding more than 1280 acres—Stallion: A. Tomkin. Mare: J. Page. Foal: J. Williardt. Pony stallion: E. Bowman. Mare: W. Wood. Coaching colt or filly: W. Quinn. Stallion for cavalry: R. Rouse. Saddle hack: J. Wild. Buggy horse, driven: Hilda Cox. Lady's hackney, ridden: Hilda Cox. Saddle and light harness horse, ridden and driven: E. C. Wilkins. Buggy horse, driven by lady: S. Rouse. Pony hackney: W. W. Wood. Pony hackney, rider under 15: A. Solomon. Pony tandem: K. Bowman. Lady driver: W. W. Wood. Pony in harness: Dr. McCreadie. Sulky turnout: S. Rouse. Boy rider, S. Rouse. Rider: E. Gray. Walking horse: W. Wood. Spring Cart horse, driven: C. H. Kent. Saddle back, 11st: J. Wild. Farmer's turnout, spring or village cart: C. Kent. Draught stallion, colt, under two years: W. Jackson. Trotting: Buckland's Husheen and Heir, 1 and 2. Hunter: Eaton's Snowden, 1; Dr. Busby's Ethel, 2. Ladies' Jump: Snowden, 1; Rouse's Petrel, 2. Pony jump: Hansford's Camp, 1; Rouse's Petrel, 2. Water jump: J. Merritt, 1; Dr. Busby, 2. Handicap trot: Buckland's Heir, 1; E. Smith, 2.

Sheep dog trial: J. Keech, 1; M. Shannon, 2.

### CAMPBELLTOWN.

CAMPBELLTOWN, Thursday.

The A. H. and I. Society's Show was brought to a close to-day. The following additional awards were made:—

Best hack: J. R. Warby. Fourteen-hands pony in harness: T. Williams and F. Clifford, equal. Polo pony: B. Parker. Pony turnout: E. Sedgwick. Saddle pony: W. H. Anderson. Boy rider, under 14: J. Graham, 1; Stan. Burton, 2. Novice trot: J. M'Grath's Maggie, 15s behind, 1; G. H. Church's Redeemer, 25s behind, 2. Time, 3m 34½s. Time trot: G. A. Church's Redeemer, 2s behind, 1; J. M'Grath's Music, 2s behind, 2. Time, 3m 22s. Pony race, 12.2 and under: C. Axam, 1; H. Sullivan, 2. Pony trot, under 14 hands: G. Curry, 1; W. H. M'Donald, 2. Pony race, 13.2 and under: G. Ray, 1; H. Sullivan, 2. High jump: J. Wright's Gladys. Pony, saddle, 12 to 14 hands: M'Leod, 1; H. Sullivan, 2. Walking horse: W. Westgarth. Hunters' contest: J. Phillips' Dan, 1; J. Wright's Gladys, 2; G. English's Viking, 3. Novice hunting contest: S. Bryce Beard's Artful, 1; B. Parker's After Dark, 2; H. Sullivan's Kosciusco, 3. Consolation hunting contest: J. Phillips, 1 and 2. Pony hunters: A. V. Moore, 1; G. Ray, 2.

### CENTRAL RICHMOND.

CORAKI, Thursday.

At the Central Richmond River Agricultural Society show to-day the attendance was good. Young stock showed considerable improvement. Awards:—

Butter Competition.—Heifer: W. Moffitt. Cow: J. Patch. Quantity: J. Patch. Bull, by points: Maroney. Cow: Watterston, M'Donald, and Marks, equal. Champion bull: Moffitt Brothers. Cow: Watterston. Pen cows in milk: T. Watterston.

## STOCK MOVEMENTS.

ALBURY.—100 fat wethers, from Round Hill to Gooramadda, Albert Terril owner; 536 aged ewes, Round Hill to Wagga, Thomas King; 12 horses, Bungowannah to Wodonga, J. Blakely; 100 fat lambs, Thomlea Park to Melbourne, R. A. Henty; 90 bullocks, Mingay, Coolac, Gundagai, to Melbourne; P. J. O'Donnell; 70 mixed cattle, Coppabella to Victoria, Rial Brothers; 317 mixed sheep, Albury to Talgarno, Victoria, G. Drummond; 27 fat bullocks, Bowna to Melbourne, A. J. Rial; 1781 wethers, The Oaks, Gundagai, to Euroa, Victoria, John Doyle; 100 merino ewes, Kildrummie to Albury, John Doyle; 540 weaners, Barnawartha to Albury, M. M. Martin; 900 mixed sheep, Corowa to Albury, J. H. Ison; 1500 ewes, Calderwood to Albury, Levi Parker; 1008 crossbred ewes and 15 Shropshire rams, Burrangong, Young, to Albury, G. T. Wells; 1112 mixed sheep, Albury to Mahonga Park, Anderson and Bailey; 27 fat bullocks, Four Mile to Melbourne, Rial Brothers.

# AN HISTORIC TOWN.

## MAITLAND.

BY G. H.-P.

In 1820 a party who had for their leader John Howe started from Windsor and explored the districts of the Hunter River, and on St. Patrick's Day, March 17, 1820, discovered Patrick Plains, from which circumstance the plains were named. The party consisted of Messrs. John Howe (leader), George Loder (son-in-law to Mr. Howe), Andrew Howe, William Dargan, Thomas Dargan, Philip Thorley, and Benjamine Singleton, after whom the town of Singleton was named; also two natives as guides and interpreters. From Patrick Plains they followed the river down to where the town of West Maitland now stands. On their return home a horse belonging to one of the party named Cockfighter got bogged in a creek not far from Wanibo, hence the name of Cockfighter's Creek. In 1821 Mr. William Smith, of the first Public School, Sydney, in the name of a party from the northward on discovery of land, requests the "Sydney Gazette," through its columns, to thank Major Morrisset, of 48th Regiment of Foot, publicly for the kind reception, the comfortable accommodation and abundant refreshments, and able assistance afforded them in inspecting the branches of the Hunter River. Major Morrisset was commandant at Newcastle at that period. On March 31, 1823, Allan Cunningham in his journey of discovery followed the track of Mr. Howe. He intersected the Hunter River at Patrick Plains in 100 miles, advancing up its stream north-west about 40 miles. On April 25, 1823, Major Morrisset arrived at Windsor after a fatiguing journey from Newcastle, covering 169 miles of mountainous country in nine days. This was the first overland route from Newcastle.

No settlements were so rapidly located as those in the Hunter River district, and this was owing mainly to the patronage of Sir Thomas Brisbane and the flattering account given to the district by Mr. Henry Dangar, surveyor of the Coal River. From the earliest period the north has been famous for sheep, cattle, and horses of a high character for the turf; while agriculture held secondary sway. The seasons round Maitland and Morpeth are irregular, and previous to 1875 had been marked by a long series of inundations. These districts, and those within 30 or 40 miles of them, consist of alluvial valleys, where maize and lucerne are largely grown, mainly for horse feed. Some of the vineyards in the district became celebrated for their excellent wine-bearing grapes, while wheat is raised further north to the Liverpool Range. In the Clarence district, which became settled in 1875 by small farmers, the sugarcane is grown, and at Maitland at that period it was manufactured into sugar. The northern districts are rich in minerals; the first tin discovered in Australia was on the tableland near Tenterfield; gold, silver, antimony, cinnabar, lead, and diamonds have been found in payable quantities.

The town of Maitland was first surveyed by Government in 1829; only a portion of the Crown land was laid down in allotments, about 300 acres towards the south, and marked "Town Reserve," the more distant part, 800 acres, towards the east, being marked "Reserve for Pasturage for Maitland." About 300 allotments in the township were sold. The plan of the town of Maitland was signed and approved by Sir Ralph Darling in 1829. Strange to relate, however, the first settlements in Maitland did not take place on the town allotments, but on a strip of land formerly the property of an old man named Maloney, one of the first exiles to Newcastle. Having obtained his emancipation he became possessed of 160 to 170 acres of this, now valuable spot, then not worth £50, which took him three years to dispose of to various individuals, chiefly for rum, for in 1831, when the value of the property was estimated at £100,000, he possessed none of it. At that period trees on the site were sold at 5s apiece.

On February 27, 1829, tenders were called by the committee of the trustees of clergy and school lands for the building of a brick schoolhouse at Wallis' Plains, by which name the district was previously known to 1829, it being named by Captain Wallis, of 46th Regiment, who was commandant at Newcastle previous to Major Morrisset. On March 20, 1829, tenders were called for the conveyance of mails to and from Maitland on Wallis' Plains to Patrick Plains for once-a-week delivery. On April 30, 1829, the following individuals applied for and were granted at Maitland leases of land adjoining their property for pasturage for their cattle:—E. C. Close (late lieutenant in 48th Regiment), of Green Hills, Maitland, and a member of the Legislative Council in 1832, 750 acres to the north of his land; N. Goldenham, 1280 acres; T. V. Bloomfield (late lieutenant in 48th Regiment), 640, Wallis' Plains; Captain Francis Allman (late of 48th Regiment), 1280 acres; a rent of 2s 6d per annum for every 100 acres was paid to the Government. In October, 1829, the crops in the Hunter River district were almost entirely destroyed by a great hailstorm, while amongst the commissariat contract for that year is one called for the road party at Wallis' Plains and Jerry's Plains, and within 50 miles of Wallis' Plains, showing that the Great North-road was in course of construction. Along the river from Maitland to Morpeth were the farms of small settlers, chiefly those who had been transported to Newcastle when a penal settlement.

The only way of reaching the Hunter River previous to the making of the Great North-road was by water to Port Stephens, and even for some time after the opening of the road the water journey was found preferable, owing to the rough state and unevenness of the road in many places. Before the innovation of steam in 1829 a cutter packet named the Lord Liverpool sailed weekly between Sydney and Newcastle in 12 hours, the cabin fare, including provisions, wine, and spirits, £1 6s. The accommodation was considered excellent. The vessel was previously a pleasure yacht in India. There were other craft plying as irregular traders, taking goods on freights, and returning with coal from Newcastle. Captain Levingstone, of the Lord Liverpool, retired from command of the packet in February, 1830, to settle in the Hunter River district. From Newcastle passengers were transhipped in one or two passenger boats, which plied between Newcastle and Wallis' Plains, but this being a tedious method of reaching Maitland the baggage was usually despatched by them and the passengers proceeded either on horseback or by vehicle hither. In 1829 there was a commandant's house and guard house with three soldiers stationed at Wallis' Plains for receiving and securing prisoners, previous to forwarding them to Newcastle gaol. In 1830 the Sophia Jane, a small paddle steamer—the first to arrive in Australia—was plying between Sydney and Newcastle, when passengers and cargo were landed at Greenhills, now Morpeth, alongside the storeship St. Michael. In this storeship and in a substantial warehouse built on the bank of the river stores were placed until claimed by their owners. From Morpeth a gig or phaeton capable of seating six or seven passengers proceeded to Maitland. This vehicle belonged to Mr. Cox, of the Rose Inn, East Maitland, who was generally the coachee. The drive was four miles distance, and across the estate of Lieutenant E. C. Close, whose house in 1829 was in course of erection. The time taken to accomplish this journey with good horses was one hour. The Rose Inn was the oldest inn in Maitland, and was built in cottage style. The second and newer inn of 1831, known as Hewitt's Inn, was a substantial brick house. In 1833 the Rose Inn was let at a rental of £140 a year. In 1831 there was only one resident minister of religion in Maitland, the Rev. Mr. Thompson, a Presbyterian, who had accompanied Dr. Lang out in the Stirling Castle, and who commenced his labours at Maitland on November 6, 1821, holding service at Mr. Mudie's granary to a large congregation. Mr. Sampson was commission agent in the town. The Church of England clergyman was the Rev. Mr. Wilton, who resided at Newcastle, and occasionally visited the district.

On 17th July, 1833, the Maitland races were run for prize money, the principal prize being the Governor's Cup or £20, with entrance money added. The stewards were Mr. E. Hungerford, Mr. M. Chapman, and the secretary Mr. P. J. Cohen. In December, 1833, Mr. P. J. Cohen opened a soap manufactory in the premises formerly occupied by Mr. B. Cox, and sold the best yellow soap at 4½d a lb. At this period, according to the census, there were about 1400 to 1500 inhabitants in the district. In 1854 the Government were about to convey to Mr. Henry Osborne a grant of 20 acres of the portion of the township marked "reserved for pasturage for Maitland," in lieu of a similar grant which had been given some years previously at Dapto, but the residents of the district objected, and appealed to the Government, with the result that the grant was withdrawn in December, 1855, and Mr. Osborne was directed to make a selection elsewhere.

On 9th November, 1835, through the representation made to the Governor that the mass of the population resided beyond the limits of the town formerly laid out, and it became necessary to define the boundaries in order to comply with the application of a certain Act, the Governor, with the advice of the Executive Council, ordered that the town was to consist of two portions, the first site, or portion laid out by the Government, to be called East Maitland; the other portion, situated on north-west of Wallis Creek, West Maitland. The boundaries of East Maitland commenced north-west corner of Goldenham's 500 acres, and bounded on south-west by northern boundary line bearing east; then by its continuation as to the northern boundary of a portion of 320 acres reserve for the extension of the town; further easterly at the northern boundary of Davis's 200 acres to the north-east corner thereof; on part of the east by a line bearing north about 100 chains; on part of the east by a line bearing west to a southerly continuation of Eckford's eastern boundary line; on the remainder of the east by that continuation, and by the said boundary line bearing Eckford's north-east corner; again to the north by Eckford's northern boundary line to the river, and on the residue of north by the Hunter River to its confluence with Wallis Creek, and on the west by Wallis Creek easterly to the north-west *corner of* Goldenham's 500 acres. The Victoria Bridge marks a portion of the boundaries, and is a stone structure that spans the creek, which was constructed by Mr. Weaver, and opened to the public on June 21, 1852, and was the first example of a laminated or overtrussed bow-string bridge erected in the colony. Alongside the bridge flood gates have been erected for preventing the submersion of the lowlands at the rear of West Maitland during the heavy freshes in the river. The gates cost the borough of West Maitland about £12,000, but have been of great service, especially during the flood of 1889. East Maitland was proclaimed a municipality on March 10, 1862, with the estimated rateable property of £12,465, including Government aid. The extent of its roads and streets then numbered 15 miles. In 1865 the horse and cattle market and saleyard belonging to Mr. Dodds, and was the largest and best in the district, there was one steam flour mill, a tobacco factory, several stores, a post-office, with telegraph and money order station. On September 30, 1834, an order was issued that on and after October 1 the postage to Maitland was to be reduced to 4d instead of 10d for a single letter, and to be rateable in proportion to size. In 1855 Mr. Nichols presented a petition for certain guards for the mails of the northern districts. The first movement towards the construction of a railway from Newcastle to Maitland took place in 1853, and on April 20, 1853, the first meeting was held at the Royal Hotel, and a provisional committee formed, and £100,000 subscribed on the spot. On October, 10, 1853, the Hunter River Company was incorporated, and Government assistance agreed to by the Legislative Council. The first meeting of directors was held on October 11, 1853, when Mr. Kemp was elected chairman, Mr. Wallace appointed consulting engineer, Mr. Gale resident engineer, and Mr. Higham received the contract to survey the line. On July 30, 1854, the railway became the property of the Government, and the first line was opened on April 5, 1857, from Honeysuckle Point to East Maitland, a distance of 17 miles.

In July, 1853, a petition was made for the erection of a gaol and hospital, stating that within the year five brick houses had been erected, to the value of £500 to £1500 each, and the population was 1900. On October 30, 1836, a Government notice appeared for clearing the land, of 50 acres, for gaol and courthouse, cattle market, banks, streets as far as the police barracks, William-street, Church Reserve, King-street, and part of Lowes-street. The post-office at this period was kept in a retail shop, previous to which it was located at an inn, where gin and politics, rum and love letters were doled out together. The police office owed its rise to private speculation, and was a rented building by the Government. On December 24, 1834, a meeting was held at the Albion Inn for the purpose of applying to the Governor for an eligible site for the erection of a church at the west end of the town of Maitland. Already five acres had been granted to the Scotch Kirk; £500 had already been subscribed.

## A SOCIETY OF CRIMINALS.

"I have no doubt that people have wondered when some crook, caught in the act and without friends in the place in which he came to grief, could give bond," said Frank G. Miller, an ex-convict, to an Ohio State journal reporter with whom he had previously become acquainted.

"There is nothing strange about it," continued Miller, "for we have an organisation for mutual protection, and this has representatives in every large city and in some of the smaller ones of the United States and Canada. Usually in the smaller places these are lawyers, and if the crook is 'pinched' in a place where he has no friends he knows who to send for.

"Should the case be an aggravated one, and the crook in good standing with the organisation, the amount of bond required is learned, and the society is notified to send enough to square a couple of bondsmen. The crook disappears, the bondsmen settle and tell how they would like to bring the fellow to justice, while all the time they are wishing for another job of the same sort, for they are well paid, and the lawyers get better fees for looking after our business than any ordinary practice pays."

Miller went on to say that the organisation had its regular officers, who are better paid than those of legitimate societies, and that almost all of them are well respected in the communities in which they live. Miller stated that the amount paid for membership and yearly dues was large, and that only "square" crooks were allowed to become members.

When asked if they were not afraid that their officers would emulate their employers and rob the treasury, he replied that such a thing had never occurred but once. That man was afterwards found on the streets of Constantinople with a knife sticking under the fifth rib, and no one had seen fit to follow his example.

"Why," said Miller, "they know that if they should try to 'do' us they would have a thousand men, keener than any detectives, on their trail, and that when caught no earthly power could save them."

The crooks, according to Miller, have their club rooms in Chicago, New York, New Orleans, San Francisco, and several other cities, and he declared that these club rooms or houses are fitted up regardless of expense. To be able to use them, however, one must belong to the crook aristocracy, and must also pay extra dues that would make the club man of the cities blink.

## A PLEA FOR THE BIBLE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In connection with the revival meetings in Wales, it was recently stated that the demand for Bibles was so great that it could scarcely be met by the London publishers, and this in a portion of the United Kingdom where one might suppose the possession of Bibles to be universal. Judging by this dearth of the sacred volume in the mother country, may we not judge that the same state of things prevails in Australia? And may we not attribute much of the want of reverence for sacred things which exists here to a general ignorance of the contents of the "Book of Books?" If the matter were inquired into, what vast numbers would be found (in spite of churches and Sunday-schools) who never read it? There are too many of a certain amount of intellectual culture who know little of it excepting adverse criticisms upon it. The books of real, patient, scholarly research, written to prove its authenticity they never read, but some sweeping charge against it they eagerly receive. If they would but be as fair to its Divine Author as they are to other authors, and read it with an honest intention to see the beauty and goodness that abounds in it, even if they missed some parts and only read those portions that are preceptive and practical, and acted up to its teaching, they would soon prove its worth. The more it is read the grander and sweeter it seems. Let anyone try it sincerely. What an elevating power it would be if all would be guided by its precepts. Some people think it will make them dull and unhappy to read it; some imagine that the Puritans must have been less happy than the roystering cavaliers of the court of the second Charles. Quiet homes they might have been under Cromwell, but they had the peace "that passeth all understanding." Are our young people, in their ever-restless craving for excitement and pleasure, better fitted to make happy homes than those Bible-loving Puritan maidens? Australian mothers, teach your children to love the Bible. It will build up nobler characters than a love of *too* much light literature.

I am, etc.,

A BIBLE STUDENT.

## THE GROWTH OF EUCALYPTUS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In reply to Mr. J. H. Maiden's letter in this morning's "Herald," I can state that some years ago I erected a barn on the Richmond River. The upright posts were some form of the eucalyptus (mahogany) I believe. I squared them on two sides with the adze, and finished the buildings. For some considerable time afterwards young sprouts used to push through and grow about 6in long. These posts would be about 12in through at the butt end, and about 11ft out of the ground. The subsoil was sandy and moist.

March 15. I am, etc., FARMER.

A gentleman sitting next to a lady at dinner remarked on the usefulness of wars in one direction—they disseminated a knowledge of geography. He confessed that he himself was ignorant of the Philippine Islands to a deplorable degree until the Spanish-American war broke out. The lady's face was a picture of horror and distress. "Why," said she, "do you mean to say you have never seen St. Paul's Epistle to the Philippians?"

# THE NEW APPRENTICE.

All occupations connected with the sea are wisely surrounded by safeguards, both in the interests of the workers themselves and the travelling public. An apprentice, whether articled or not, has to serve specified periods at sea, and pass various examinations before he can obtain his second mate's ticket.

At many of our universities and colleges men have passed brilliantly through their final, taken their degrees, afterwards proving themselves duffers in their practical, everyday work. These men have probably great scholastic ability, but with very poor ideas how to readily convert the same into mundane bread and butter.

The Marine Boards are well aware of this, and after an apprentice has passed, perhaps brilliantly, the examination in navigation, he is put through a viva voce test with working models of ships, lights, and signals, which soon gives the examiner a very clear idea as to how the candidate would behave when meeting a coal tramp in a fog, or when handling a dismasted barque in a West India cyclone.

Now during the last 30 years there has been a vast increase in the tonnage of the British merchant navy, and there has been no lack of capable officers to man the ships and steamers of increasing magnitude. We should naturally expect to find the number of indentured apprentices steadily growing in the same ratio as the ships in commission. Yet exactly the opposite is found to be the case. Taking the figures from 1870, every five years, the decline in the apprentice system in the British mercantile marine is found to be as follows:—

| | Number. | | Number. |
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| 1870 ....... | 18,303 | 1890 ....... | 8,650 |
| 1875 ....... | 16,004 | 1895 ....... | 8,018 |
| 1880 ....... | 14,667 | 1900 ....... | 5,617 |
| 1885 ....... | 10,437 | 1903 ....... | 5,239 |

Parents nowadays seemingly object to paying £50 for the privilege of having their sons taught how to "tar ropes and paint the ship."

As the ranks of good officers are being constantly filled, it seems obvious that an increasing number of boys go to sea without payment for indenture, and who are possibly paid a small wage, according to their ability.

The efficiency of the service has not suffered—the watchful Marine Board takes care of that. Every year the examinations and tests are made more severe, and the old "rule-of-thumb" navigation is rapidly becoming a thing of the past. The path of an ocean liner is now almost as clearly defined as a railway track, and hitting Australia 'somewhere' and coasting round to the port of call is not now looked upon with favour by most owners.

It is well known that in shore-going occupations also the indenture system has been gradually dying out. As was previously pointed out in these columns in an article on technical education, there is little time or opportunity to teach boys in the large machine-run workshops *of to-day*. Differing from the sea services, the land trades and crafts have suffered by reason of the change. In this State there is a dearth of well-trained workmen. The Arbitration Act has been blamed for this, by limiting the number of boys that can be employed in one shop to a certain ratio to the full-fledged journeymen engaged. An army of "improvers" has been the result.

This so-called socialistic legislation has been taking a wrong direction. The workmen are seemingly trying to "kill the goose which lays the golden eggs," and there will be very few geese to kill if this is allowed to continue much longer. Trades and handicrafts are largely responsible for the country's commercial greatness. Workmen on shore are equally as important to the country as sailors. Why not care for them in a similar manner? We have our technical colleges, which comparatively few attend. Passes in carpentry and other trades can be obtained, but what good are they? It is like making the Marine Board examinations optional. If a man could go to sea for a few years and then get a job as mate he would seldom bother the viva voce examiner.

Why not legislate for a strong Board of Trade, composed of business men, workshop managers, and competent examiners in the theory and practice of our principal trades? This is not an unreasonable suggestion. A carpenter, for instance, is to be defined by the Board of Trade. He must have worked for, say, three years in a builder's or joiner's shop before he can go up for his second-class ticket. Before he went up he would find it necessary, as likewise his sailor brother, to attend a school of instruction. There would be close touch between the Technical College and the Board of Trade; the one would teach in a definite manner the requirements of the other. After receiving a second-class ticket the young man would have to serve, say, a further two years before going up for his first-class. During this period he would be known and paid as a second-class certificate man. He could not pass himself off to a master builder or householder as a duly qualified journeyman of the first class. When selecting men the builder would advertise for men with first, second, or lower class Board of Trade certificates as required for the works on hand.

If these tickets were respected as are those issued by the marine boards, and there seems no reason why they should not be, we should have overcome a great difficulty. Householders and others employing the services of carpenter, bricklayer, or plumber with a Board of Trade certificate, would not have badly-hung doors and sashes, defective drains, leaky roofs, or periodical floods in the kitchen or cellar, owing to the eccentricities of that awful plumber. A journeyman would be liable to have his ticket cancelled or suspended by the board for glaring negligence, proved after inquiry.

There are many trades where a bad workman is dangerous to his mates working with him. At present, under our loose regulations, anyone with a few days' practice is allowed to drive a steam winch or donkey engine; *anyone* can purchase a second-hand boiler—history unknown—fix it up to run a sawmill or a log-punt, with anyone handy, cook or clerk, to do the stoking. Boilers and men should both have Board of Trade certificates, according to class. A body of men, carpenters, bricklayers, etc., now form themselves into a union. Some of the men are skilled mechanics, others are second-class; while others—the men who make the most noise and agitation—are not worth their salt. Yet they all belong to the same union, all expect the same union rate of pay, and dictate to the employers how, when, and where they are to be employed! The sooner this is altered the better it will be for the men themselves.

These matters should be controlled by a strong Board of Trade. Men with a first-class ticket should get a first-class pay. They could still retain the unions for their protection and mutual assistance—the first-class men probably forming a distinct branch—but the Board of Trade should be "top sawyer," and be the only court of appeal as to a man's competency. Of course there would always be a number of men who would remain, as it were, "before the mast;" men who by reason of defective education, or lack of smartness, were unable to obtain a first or second class ticket. These men should still be able to obtain employment, but obviously not in competition with certified men for special skill at special pay.

CARLTON.

## GOLD MINING INDUSTRY.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I have followed with much interest the correspondence on the above, and wish to add a few lines. As regards the prospecting vote and its usefulness there is no doubt that the money does a great deal of good when used properly; but that the vote is abused at times is also true. I would suggest, to guard against this abuse as far as possible, that the applicant for aid should make application openly, and that a notice of 14 days be given to ascertain if any objection to the grant would be made. This would in many cases prevent the money being used as a sort of grant to the unemployed, and no good end gained, excepting that work is found for a few men. That the mines officials do not administer the mining regulations is too well known, and the gold mining industry suffers from the lax way that the law is carried out, in allowing the dummy to flourish on every good field in the State, and until the Minister takes a firm stand, and rubs out the shepherd, so long will the mining industry suffer. The Minister for Mines is no doubt anxious to administer the law, and to do so he could ask the various wardens to make a quarterly report on each district, ascertaining how many leases are held, and under what labour conditions. The replies would be of much value to the Minister, and he could then quickly see that a great number of leases are being held without the conditions of labour being filled. I hope that the Minister will make an effort to put down the dummy system, and not be too much guided by the officers who receive official reports.

I am, etc.,

Copeland, March 13. H. X.

A page of pictures, "Some Views on Judging Day at Moss Vale Show," appears in the "Mail."—Advt.

# MINING IN THE NORTH.

## THE HILLGROVE FIELD.

(BY OUR SPECIAL MINING REPORTER.)

V.

A recent visit to the Hillgrove district convinced me that it has not progressed, generally speaking, since I last saw it. The reason is that the bulk of the gold won last year was from the "left-behind" portions of the upper levels at Baker's Creek, and from the Eleanora mines by tributers. The cyaniding of tailings which have from time to time been accumulating both at Metz and at the Eleanora mines is responsible for swelling the output of 1904. In addition certain other mines milled rich ore, the results of 1903 output. The mining registrar at Hillgrove differs from me as to the general outlook of the Hillgrove field. Still, I should like to point out that on all the old mines of the place, so far as present levels are concerned, the outlook is anything but a bright one. The leading "mining" men of the field all know that Baker's Creek in future will have to depend on what they may find beyond present developments. The Sunlight and West Sunlight are in the same position, as are also the Eleanora and other mines, so that to build Hillgrove up to anything like its former state of prosperity these mines will need to "get a move on." There cannot be any doubt that tributers as a rule are doing fairly well, although quite a number are only making short wages. Much is made of the fact that scheelite miners are doing well, and that there are at least 100 engaged. Whilst some of these miners have been successful, a number have not made wages. Everybody knows there is no regularity in the scheelite market, and a slump in price may occur at any time. The writer hopes not, but in the light of past experience—the limited outlet for the product—it does not appear that one can figure on the market for any length of time. However, present prices are much above what would give a good profit to the miner.

Looking at Hillgrove from a company point of view, it must be seen that it is a long time since yields were up to the good old days. The past output has very little to do with future prospects, and in this direction perhaps a good deal can be said.

There are a few things concerning the Hillgrove fields which "Herald" readers will be glad to know. The first of these is the successful treatment of tailings which contain stibnite (sulphide of antimony) by cyaniding. For years large piles have accumulated, and their treatment has been looked upon as extremely doubtful. This matter will receive a special reference later on; in the meantime, I may mention that in mining operations, a hitherto lost product will in future be saved, largely increasing the results from ore containing antimonial contents. To the owners of the Eleanora mine particularly this is of considerable importance, as the ore bodies contain a large percentage of antimony with which is associated gold, not liberated by an amalgamating process.

So far as mining at Hillgrove is concerned, the New Hillgrove Proprietary mine leads in productiveness for 1904. During 1902-3 a large amount of development work was carried out under the direction of the then manager, Mr. Porter. For purposes which will later on be stated, I will quote an extract from the annual Mines Department report of the work done in 1903. The report says:—"In the New Hillgrove Proprietary mine some excellent work has been done, and, although no crushing had taken place at the close of the year, it is confidently predicted that the company's initial effort in this direction will eventuate within the course of the succeeding two or three months. The main shaft has been sunk a further depth of 278ft, making a total depth of 971ft below the level of the Cooney tunnel. A chamber has been cut at a depth of 950ft, known as No. 7 level, and a crosscut put into the reef. A winze 100ft deep has also been sunk on the reef from No. 6 level at a point 60ft south of the shaft. Driving at No. 5 level was carried out on the reef for a distance of 160ft, and Nos. 3 and 4 levels have been connected by a rise. A main tramway has been constructed from the top of the gorge to the mill at the bottom. The length of this tramway is 2560ft, and the gauge 2ft 9in. The machinery necessary for its working has been erected, and everything has been in going order for several months past. Another tramway has been constructed from the mouth of Cooney tunnel to the mill site, for the purpose of conveying quartz from the mine to the mill. This is a double track, and the length is 700ft. At the battery site a considerable amount of excavating was necessary. This has been completed, and a 10-stamp mill is in course of erection. The whole of the machinery required for this, and also a new air-compressor plant, have been purchased and are now on the mine. The same feeling locally in regard to the excellence of the mine still exists, and the result of its first crushing is anxiously looked forward to."

From the foregoing it is clear that much of the development work of the mine had been carried out in 1903, and that a good portion of it was on the reef, paragraphs on the richness of which frequently appeared in the papers. The mining registrar took the results of this ore, which must have amounted to a considerable number of tons, to make up and show his large 1904 increase in yield. That this ore came to surface in 1903 there is very little doubt.

The New Hillgrove Proprietary plant is now fully completed, and, according to its capacity, is one of the best in the State. It is conveniently and splendidly laid out, and reflects credit on Mr. E. A. Patterson, the consulting engineer. The mine workings could not be much improved upon, so that in point of developments there cannot be any hindrance in the way to furnish regular outputs, provided of course that the ore is sufficiently profitable to take out. From north to south, so far as my underground investigations went, there is a continuous run of ore for about 340ft, but how far the rich chute extends is only known to those who are closely watching the grade of the ore. Hillgrove, I may mention, is a place where short chutes of gold-bearing ore exist. It does not necessarily follow because a reef continues at Hillgrove that it contains profitable gold contents; indeed, it would be an exception to find a gold chute more than 60ft in length. In many instances they are not more than 10ft or 20ft in length, when it is found that although the gold does not entirely disappear it is in such small quantities that it is unprofitable to mill. There can be very little doubt that the future of the New Hillgrove Proprietary depends on the richness and length of chute. There is no use disguising the fact that there are poor portions of the Hillgrove Proprietary's reef, and it would be well for the management to fully recognise this fact.

## SOCIALISM AND FAMILY LIFE.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—A correspondent signing himself "C.W.P." in a letter in to-day's "Herald" refers to the effect of socialism on family life in terms of evident disapproval. Of course, there are some so-called milk-and-water socialists, who pretend to draw the line at interfering with the marriage tie. But, as a matter of fact, nothing is more horrible and revolting than our present marriage system, and under socialism it would speedily be superseded by a more rational commingling of the sexes, and our present prudish notions of propriety would soon be looked back upon with ridicule and disgust. The State being the sole employer must have absolute control of every child born, from its earliest infancy. And to be effective for the discipline of State service under an ideal socialistic regime, the child must be removed from its parents before affection has had time to ripen too fully. Family life is the foundation of private property, and while it is countenanced it must always be an effective stumbling block to collective ownership of wealth or property, and the means of production. Continental and English socialists all recognise this, as do all the best-informed authorities. The parson must go, for he is a non-producer, and not that only. He is the personification of all those capitalistic institutions which stand in the path of the socialist reformer. Religion is a mask to hide the truth from the oppressed and to bolster up the oppressor, the capitalist, and the property-owner—and to perpetuate our present monstrous marriage system. True marriage should be a purely voluntary connection, dissoluble at the will of either party, who should be free to make new ties at pleasure. With the State as the foster parent of all children born under such conditions the population problem would cease to be a worry, and healthier conditions would prevail. It is time we socialists came out in the open and ceased to be ashamed of the faith that is in us. There is nothing to be ashamed of. If we mean our demands for reform on socialistic lines we must go to the root at once, and not lop off branches only.

I am, etc., C. L. ANDERSON.

March 15.

The "Mail" has a biograph with portrait of the late John McFadyen, the "Sydney Mail's" travelling photographer.—Advt.

Fine pictures of four beautiful yearling colts at Wilton Park Stud are in the "Mail."—Advt.

# CATARACT DAM CONTROVERSY.

## THE ROYAL COMMISSION.

### MR. DAVIS RECALLED.

The Royal Commission to inquire into the dispute regarding the Cataract Dam continued its sittings yesterday at the Department of Public Works, under the presidency of Mr. Stewart Murray, M.Inst.C.E.

Joseph Davis, Under-Secretary for Public Works, recalled, said that, at the instance of the board of reference, he had a letter written to Mr. Coghlan asking him to state how he arrived at the deductions set forth in his paper read before the Institute of Civil Engineers on the "Relation of the discharge of streams to rainfall on the catchment." Witness put in a press copy of the letter, which was dated February 10, 1905. No reply to that letter was received in writing. He believed this was owing to pressure of work on Mr. Coghlan's hand on the eve of his leaving for England. Witness had some conversation with him on the question, and learnt that the data on which Mr. Coghlan based his conclusions were river gaugings obtained by Mr. Rossbach, sen., who was a most careful and reliable officer. These gaugings included cross-sections of the river.

Were the gaugings referred to as Mr. Rossbach's part of those whose reliability has been questioned by the witnesses appearing before the Commission?—They are not part of those used as bases for the construction of the dam.

Were they weir gaugings?—Yes.

Did they deal with flood discharges?—Yes.

Did you, when the question of further storage was first discussed, advocate the construction of a dam of 7000 million gallons at Cataract, to be followed, when necessary, by further storage on the Nepean?—Yes.

Has not the progress made with the larger structure entirely altered the position?—Entirely.

Witness put in a typewritten reply to questions asked by Mr. de Burgh in regard to the cost of enlarging the tunnel from the Nepean to Broughton Pass and other matters.

H. H. Deane, assistant engineer, Works Department, gave evidence in regard to the estimated cost of the dam, exclusive of land compensation. The total, on the basis of the lowest tender, was £310,973, and on the basis of the second lowest tender £355,427. Possible charges for impounding water during the construction, for shifting the workmen's camp, should such be required, and for pumping water, should it be decided to shift the camp, were not included. The estimate was also subject to a credit deduction for the value of the plant on completion of the work.

At this stage the commission adjourned till Monday.

## COMING OF THE MOTOR 'BUS.

According to the latest exchanges from home the motor omnibus is gradually superseding the horse vehicle. The reason given for this is that the petrol-driven 'bus is not only cheaper but is also able to cover greater distances. A very interesting comparison between the two types has just been furnished by one of the largest 'bus owners in London, who recently adopted a few motor vehicles for experimental purposes before discarding horse-driven carriages altogether. As will be seen by the following details the superiority of the motor has been proved beyond question. For instance, a horsed-vehicle cost him £130, the 12 horses required to work it £40 each, while the harness averaged £20, and the stabling close on £600. This expenditure for one omnibus therefore totalled about £1230. On the other hand, a motor omnibus cost him £850, and necessitated £200 for stabling or garaging, thus leaving the total outlay at £1050, or an advantage on the side of the motor of £180. Subsequent figures were found to still further emphasise the motor's superiority. The average earnings per week on the motor were £42, against £12 6s on the horse-drawn type. The mileage was 115 as against 70, the carrying capacity 34 passengers, instead of 26 in the older type of vehicle; and the profit on the motor totalled £350 for one year's working, compared with £52 for the horse omnibus. It may be added that these figures were based on an experience of three months' running, and the firm who experimented were so convinced of the utility and superior advantages of the motor system that they have since given orders to have all their old horse-drawn vehicles replaced by the more modern petrol-driven 'buses.

## PUBLIC SCHOOLS' COOKERY CLASSES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In to-day's issue of your valuable paper I read a paragraph with above heading, in which it is stated that the Minister for Public Instruction intends having a public exhibition of cooking at the next R. A. Show, which, the Minister hopes, "will have the effect of setting at rest once and for all the question whether the instruction given in the schools is really of a useful character." I desire to say that in my opinion the action of the Minister is a most commendable one for many reasons.

That the young lady scholars who may be selected to take part in such exhibition will give a good account of themselves I feel perfectly assured, but whether the object the Minister has in view will be gained except in a minor form is another question. In my opinion the settlement of the question as to the utility of the lessons imparted does not reflect so much upon the Educational Department as it does upon the parents of those pupils who attend the cooking classes. I have a daughter, aged 14, who is at present going through that course of instruction, and I can say, without fear of contradiction, that although she has only been attending the class for three months she is able single-handed to prepare, cook, and serve up a *dinner fit for* any ordinary mortal, not a gourmand or epicure. And this she will do with little or no litter, nor leave a trace behind her of dirty dishes, paste board, etc, but will clean up as she proceeds. My child is not a genius, and what she can do any ordinary girl may also accomplish, if there is the will, *if* she is so inclined or trained. If what my daughter states is correct, the major portion of the girls attending the classes attend more for the fun of the thing than for the instruction to be imparted. They deem it beneath their dignity (?) to soil their delicate hands by scrubbing a table or washing a saucepan. What, then, is to be expected of such pupils, and whose fault is it? No one is to blame but the parents of such children. Why will mothers shut their eyes to the future welfare of their daughters and shirk the responsibility of imparting to them that home training which, if rightly directed, will fit their daughters for the positions which sooner or later they will be called upon to occupy as mistresses of their own homes? The home is the best of all places to train children, and especially those of the feminine gender. The wife, the mother, is, or should be, the presiding genius of every well-regulated home, and upon her devolves the duty, pleasant it should be, of instilling into her daughter's mind those lessons which will seldom, if ever, be effaced. As regards the lessons imparted at the cookery classes, they are useful, economical, and practicable, and such as should apply in every modest home in this State or the world over. I have been told more than once when speaking to others on this subject that the lessons imparted were of such a character that no one with a modest income could expect to carry them out in ordinary daily life. To such statement I invariably and emphatically say nay. The cookery taught is simple and inexpensive, but the fault, I again repeat, lies with the parents. I say to parents, train your children yourselves to become useful members of the community, and foster and develop all the talents with which the Almighty has endowed your children, and then the other aids offered to them at nominal cost will be found useful and economical.

I crave your indulgence, Sir, for this lengthy letter, but I write in the interests of the rising generation, and trust my remarks, if somewhat caustic, may bear good fruit for them.

I am, etc., PATERFAMILIAS.

March 15.

## THE FEDERAL PICNIC.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Notwithstanding the law prohibiting the employment of coloured labour on mail steamers, the Federal representatives who are about to visit Western Australia at the public expense have engaged their passages by the outgoing P. and O. mail boat. On what grounds can they justify their action in this matter? Why did they not employ one of the intercolonial or other steamers who do not employ coloured labour to carry them to Western Australia? Was their personal comfort of more importance to them than making a sacrifice in support of their Parliamentary principles?

I am, etc.,

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## DEATHS.

FORDYCE.—March 16, 1905, at her residence, Denison-street, Woollahra, Barbara Bruce, daughter of Rev. Dr. Fordyce.

GARDE.—March 16, at the Marrickville Cottage Hospital, Clara, the beloved wife of T. W. W. Garde, Karamea, Excelsior Parade, Marrickville, aged 44 years.

HIVES.—March 11, at Capetown, William Hives, eldest son of late John Hives, of Dubbo, and son-in-law of Michael and Mary O'Connell, Walker-street, Redfern. (By cable.)

KENNEDY.—March 16, at P.A. Hospital, Mrs. James Kennedy. At rest.

KENNY.—March 13, at Braidwood, John Kenny, for many years C.P.S. at Braidwood and Moruya.

MAYOR.—March 15, Robert Mayor, the dearly-loved father of Mrs. A. W. Clarke, of 180 Bridge-road, Glebe, and Mrs. F. Dowell, of Braidwood, aged 70 years.

McCLELLAND.—March 16, 1905, 1 Erskineville-road, Newtown, Ruth Fanny Lilian, only beloved child of Dr. and Mrs. W. C. McClelland, aged 2 years and 10 months. Funeral at Rookwood this afternoon.

MENDELSON.—March 14, at Sydney, Philip Mendelson, age 63. New Zealand papers please copy.

## IN MEMORIAM.

BAILEY.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Eliza Bailey, who fell asleep on March 17, 1898. Leaves wither, memory never. Inserted by her loving husband and daughters, Lilly and Lizzie.

BRENNAN.—In affectionate remembrance of my dear father, James Brennan, who departed this life on March 17, 1899, after a long and very painful illness, at West-street, Paddington. Not gone from memory. Inserted by his loving daughter Agnes.

BUSH.—In loving memory of our dear son, Thomas Edward, who died March 17, 1899, aged 25 years. Inserted by his loving parents.

CANTOR.—In loving memory of my dear husband and our dear father, who departed this life March 17th, 1903. Inserted by his dear wife and sons.

DAVIS.—March 17, 1902, at her late residence, 5 William-street, Paddington, the dearly beloved wife of H. A. Davis, after a long and painful illness. Inserted by her loving husband. Her end was peace.

DAVIS.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Matilda Maud, who died March 17, 1902. "Gone, but not forgotten." Inserted by her loving daughter and son-in-law, Maude and Frank Goold.

DAVIS.—In sad but loving memory of our dear mother, Matilda Maud Davis, who departed this life March 17, 1902, age 58 years. R.I.P.

It's three sad years ago
Since our dear mother passed away;
The trial was hard, the shock severe,
To part with her we loved so dear.

Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Frank and Mary.

DAVIS.—In loving remembrance of our dear mother, Matilda Maud, who died March 17, 1902. At rest. Inserted by her loving son and daughter-in-law, Harry and Alice Davis.

GOLDSMITH.—In loving memory of our dear father, Leopold Samuel Goldsmith, who departed this life on March 17, 1891.

LANCASTER.—In loving memory of my dear mother, Jenny Lancaster, who died at Bombala, March 17th, 1888, aged 39 years.

We grieve for thee in silence,
No eyes can see us weep;
But loving in our bosom,
Thy memory we will keep.

Inserted by her loving daughter, Fanny.

LANE.—In loving memory of my dear wife and mother, who departed this life March 16, 1900. Inserted by her loving husband, Joseph Lane, and children, Grace, Priscilla, Lily, and Ivy.

MACKAY.—A tribute of everlasting love to the memory of our darling mother, Susannah Mackay, who departed this life March 17, 1898, aged 46. Dearly loved, and sadly missed. Inserted by her loving children, Amy, Emily, Alex., Willie, and Elsie.

McCULLOCH.—In fond and loving memory of David Hay McCulloch, who passed away on March 17, 1900; many years an officer of the Department of Mines, Sydney. Inserted by his widow.

MURPHY.—In loving memory of my dear father, Michael Joseph Murphy, who departed this life on St. Patrick's Day, 1892. Inserted by his son, J. F. Murphy.

SCOWEN.—In love and memory of my dear brother, William Scowen, who died 17th March, 1887. Gone, but not forgotten. Inserted by his loving brother John.

SWADLING.—In sad but ever loving memory of our darling little Alfred, who died March 17, 1904, aged 4 years 7 months.

Gone from my side, how sadly I miss you,
My dear, loving Alfred, your memory I'll keep;
Never till life ends will I ever forget you,
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## THE PREMIER'S TOUR.

Mr. Carruthers's first visit to the country as Premier has been productive of some interesting incidents, as well as what may stand for a declaration of policy. We have heard a good deal about closer settlement, about settling the people on the land, about the encouragement of primary production, and about the necessity for drawing the population away from the crowded suburbs of the metropolis, and distributing them about the country in the possession of independent and self-supporting holdings. It is true that we have heard all this before. It has been a commonplace of political eloquence since the days of Sir John Robertson's crusade in support of that most deceptive of popular battle-cries, free selection before survey. Successive land reformers have carolled in the popular ear to the same tune, and there is this to be said for it, that it has never failed in its efficacy to charm. But what has the country to show for it? The answer to that disagreeable question is supplied by every Minister who makes appeal to the people with a promise to gratify their unfulfilled hopes. The latest answer is offered by Mr. Carruthers. He visits the northern districts with the promise of a North Coast railway and the resumption for closer settlement of Goonoo Goonoo and Colley Creek country in his hands. He has an excellent text, and he is well received. He speaks to his text like a trained politician, and it is only after he has made his point in one district that he touches on the question of cost in another. That is the practical political difficulty of the moment, and when Mr. Carruthers has concluded his pleasing rhetorical exercises in the country he will be called upon to face it. But in that task he will be buoyed up by one encouraging consideration. It is that the prosperity of the State depends on the country, and the reproductive uses to which it is put. The Premier stated this faithfully and pointedly to the people of Glen Innes. "It was they," he said, "the primary producers, the men and women of the country, whose work was shown there in the prize ring, the pavilion, and the pen, upon whom all depended to create the prosperity as well as the wealth and employment of the whole of the people." That is and ought to be the cardinal fact of politics and administration in this State. If that interest goes wrong the progress of the whole community is brought to a standstill, and on the other hand if we can depend on the country experience has already shown that it can retrieve the disasters which overtake the city and its speculative extravagances. It is above all things necessary that the craze for socialistic experiment should not be permitted to interfere with the free exercise of primary industry. In the past we have seen the rate of wages arbitrarily interfered with, as well as the hours of labour, the number of hands, and nearly everything else on which the primary producer depends for assistance. This is not what the farmer wants. As the Premier said at Glen Innes, the farmer working on the land wanted no restrictive legislation with regard to his hours of work and no restrictive legislation in regard to his wages. What the man on the land in all producing capacities wants is free opportunity to work and no legislative impediment. The policy of any Government that will promise and ensure this is a good policy, if it is but frankly and honourably carried out.

## IMPERIAL FEDERATION.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian Prime Minister, is a statesman of Greater Britain of such widely recognised Imperial sympathies and of such broad patriotism that the mere mention of his name carries confidence with it. He stands in Canada for the fusing of two races under the flag in an amicable and co-operative Dominion or Commonwealth, and it is largely owing to his tact and to his administrative and statesmanlike qualities that the success of this co-operation is due. We may take it, then, without hesitation or misgiving that when Sir Wilfrid Laurier gives a publicly expressed opinion on that question of Imperial federation which now exercises the minds of certain circles in London, he is not speaking without a reasonable sense of responsibility. That is rendered the more certain by the fact that the Canadian Prime Minister was speaking from his place in Parliament when he made the reference to this subject reported in our cables yesterday. The occasion was the debate on Colonel Hughes's motion favouring a full partnership union between Great Britain and the colonies. Sir Wilfrid Laurier's reply, though brief, was to the point. Much has been said on the subject of Imperial federation by all sorts of irresponsible persons, and from many foolish points of view. But the answer that seems to meet all that has been said, wise or foolish, was the answer supplied by the Canadian Prime Minister. "While every part of the Empire is contented," he said, "all efforts at a change of relations would be futile."

That is the position in a nutshell. Greater Britain and Great Britain itself, with the exception of a few ultra-Imperialists, are quite satisfied to let well alone. Mr. Chamberlain and his following may seek to change the existing relations but then it is for an avowed political and party purpose. They may claim to speak in the name of the colonies, but the same colonies promptly repudiate this assumed authority. And why? Simply because, as Sir Wilfrid Laurier says, every part of the Empire is content to remain as it is. That is the common-sense conclusion of satisfied people, and it admits of no reply. Especially is this the case when we come to consider the terms of partnership offered in exchange for what is asked from us. As soon as we begin to analyse these they are found to have no substance. Colonel Hughes, for example, based his pretext for introducing the question into the Dominion Parliament on the plea that the colonies could send representatives to the United Imperial Parliament to deal with Imperial problems, while the existing local Parliaments should retain their present powers. But how often has that suggestion been discussed, with no other result than the exposure of its futility? Are the colonies to be hopelessly outvoted in Imperial councils, or are they to outvote the mother country and her responsible statesmen? Or are both to have equal powers? In any case the answer will be found open to objection, and the best solution of the difficulty is that suggested by Sir Wilfrid Laurier—to accept the prevailing contentment with things as they are.

## CITIZENSHIP AND THE CHILD.

The little ceremony at Darlinghurst school in which Sir Harry Rawson unfurled the flag presented by the women of the British Empire League was one of those object-lessons in patriotism that may be expected to leave a deep impression on the young mind. Our children, like ourselves, are probably apt to be impatient of symbols however sacred from association or sanctified by time; and it was well worth while for the Governor of the State and the Prime Minister of the Commonwealth to show some of them by their speech and presence that respect for the outward and visible signs of loyalty and patriotism is something no one has need to be ashamed of. "Citizens of no mean city" might have been their text, and while it is very right that the boy or girl should have a sturdy, independent pride in being before all else "Australian," that is a tendency that sometimes needs correctives. Apart from the aesthetic value of the bit of bunting—and we should not forget the influence of colour on character—one of the least harmful ways of supplying that corrective is to keep the flag flying. Respect for what is time-honoured and venerable is again, perhaps, not one of the outstanding characteristics of the Australian youth. Yet that is an instinct it hardly does to neglect. The head teacher who endeavours to cultivate it, not by harsh precept, but by careful watching that the symbols of great things do not become common and mean in thought, will appreciate the work of the Empire League. There are some things that are better taught by a serious silence than by speech. Patriotism, whether that implies loyalty to one's school or State or Commonwealth or Empire, is most sincere when it is an instinct that hardly reaches the point of consciousness. Yet it does not do to forget that such instincts, applaud them in the abstract as we all do, do not grow of themselves. Happily, indeed, they are born in us; but if it happens that they have to be bred in an environment of selfishness or cynicism they can hardly fail to wither at the roots. We expect much of the teacher. We are apt to forget that he can give the child no higher ideals of patriotism, of citizenship, than are commonly current among us.

One of the undefined promises of the "new" education is an intelligent attempt to explain citizenship to the child. It must be confessed that any formal treatment of such a subject has many pitfalls. The pitfall of false sentiment will trap many unwary ones. The child is always a keen critic, and he detects at once any note of unreality. The pitfall of platitude is not less dangerous. To explain to a class of boys what they already know is one of the quickest roads a teacher can take to throw away his influence. Some faith seems to be pinned to the anecdotal method, but the trouble is that the moral to fit the anecdote is apt to be forced and unnatural. If the teacher escapes all these difficulties in the formal lesson, and plunges manfully into the philosophy of his subject, he must be a bold man. The doctrine of one man one vote, for instance, is philosophically sound, but anyone who starts out to expound its natural justice will be surprised at his own sophisms. Citizenship, indeed, like religion, has many creeds, and in dealing with it, if he must, the teacher has a right to ask definite guidance which shall be something more than a collection of wise saws and modern instances. But that guidance is not impossible if anyone has the courage to give it, only he will have to understand that citizenship is something that transcends politics. The subject is closely connected by our Department of Public Instruction with "morals." A half-hearted treatment of either is likely to do more harm than good. Yet there is a scientific basis of the one as there is of the other. Although utility is not the end of all things, a utilitarian exposition of the nature, the evolution, of citizenship, the interdependence of the man and the State, and the nice balance between individual liberty and social coherence might very well be undertaken in a way far removed either from mawkishness or banality. Meantime we shall do well to pay attention to our outward symbols of integrity and freedom. A habit of respect toward and pride in these will at least be a fitting prelude to the fuller love born of understanding.

## THE BRITISH BUDGET.

If the forecast of the British Budget prove a correct one, and a surplus of several millions sterling is realised, the ground will be cut away from one of the most potent arguments that the Opposition could advance at the forthcoming elections. In his financial statement, delivered in April last year, the Chancellor of the Exchequer had estimated a surplus of £730,000. This result was based on securing increased revenue to the extent of £2,000,000 from the additional 1d in the pound chargeable under the income tax, another £2,000,000 from the additional Customs tax of 2d per lb on tea, and £550,000 from the heavier duties levied on tobacco. Allowing for these increases the estimated receipts and expenditure stood as follows:—

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| Estimated Revenue | £143,610,000 |
| Estimated Expenditure | 142,880,000 |
| Surplus | £730,000 |

The Chancellor of the Exchequer inherited from his predecessor a legacy of a deficit of £5,416,000. He disposed of this by taking £3,000,000 lent previously to the Transvaal as a temporary advance, and which had just been returned. He took a further £1,000,000 from the unclaimed dividends account, a fund that accumulates from Government stock unclaimed for 10 years, and which at the end of that period is sold and the money realised transferred to the National Debt Commissioners. The balance of £1,416,000 Mr. Austen Chamberlain left to be liquidated from any surpluses that might accrue during this and succeeding years. It is, therefore, probable that, should the anticipated surplus be realised this year, portion will be absorbed in liquidating either part or the whole of this arrear of deficiency.

The balance of the surplus, should any balance remain, may incline the Government to reconsider the position of the income tax, which now stands at the high rate of 1s in the pound. This tax is regarded as a sort of a war reserve fund. To be effective in time of trouble, however, it is a cardinal principle of finance that it should be as light as possible in times of peace. This being so it is likely that we shall learn that when Mr. Austen Chamberlain makes his second Budget speech next month he will have some suggestion for a reduction. That the tea duty, which now stands at 8d per lb, will be reduced, is less likely, though a good deal of outside pressure has been brought on the Government of late towards this end. The Chancellor of the Exchequer may naturally be supposed to have some leanings towards the policy of his father, and it was considered last year when the tax on tea was increased from 6d to 8d per lb, that the hand of Mr. Joseph Chamberlain was behind the alteration. That gentleman has used it as one of his favourite arguments in endeavouring to advance his preferential trade crusade that he will be able to reduce the duties on some necessities quite as much as he will increase them in other directions; and it would suit him admirably if he could promise his supporters to make a heavy reduction in the tax on tea, provided he is permitted to put a duty on say wheat and sugar. Hence it is hardly to be expected that the present Government, which is certainly to some extent under the influence of Mr. Chamberlain, would countenance any alteration of the tariff that would operate prejudicially to his cause at the next elections. However this may be, it must be satisfactory to the British public to learn that a surplus may be looked for instead of a deficiency.

## THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS.

As the time is now drawing near when the second election to the Rhodes Scholarship for New South Wales is to take place, particular attention may reasonably be drawn to a letter on the subject by a correspondent who signs himself "Oxoniensis." The fact that the writer personally knew Mr. Rhodes at Oxford lends additional interest to his communication, but, apart from that, the argument of the letter is thoroughly in consonance with the terms of Mr. Rhodes's munificent bequest. "Oxoniensis" maintains that it was no part of Mr. Rhodes' scheme to give further opportunities of academic distinction to graduates. There can be no doubt that what Mr. Cecil Rhodes had in view was to give young men who had commended themselves to their schoolfellows and their schoolmasters a chance of improving themselves, mentally and physically, in Oxford; he certainly did not want to give graduates of colonial or German or American universities an opportunity of pursuing scientific researches. The Rhodes Scholarship was not intended to be a reward for the diligent university graduate, or the youth whose relations have social claims on the local committees. It was meant for schoolboys, or for youths in their teens leaving school.

We are not left in doubt as to the founder's intentions in regard to these scholarships. They are meant, according to the will, for the purposes of "the education of young colonists." This, of course, would not in itself disqualify graduates in their twenties, but other clauses of the will show that Mr. Rhodes had the schools, not the universities, in his mind's eye, when he made his bequest. Thus the trustees under the will are directed to have regard not only to the literary and scholastic attainments of each candidate, but also to his fondness of and success in such manly outdoor sports as cricket and football. So far the graduate might be held to be in view, nor is he out of court when consideration is paid to "qualities of manhood, truth, courage, devotion to duty, sympathy for the protection of the weak, kindliness, unselfishness and fellowship." All these admirable qualities may belong to graduates in their twenties, as they may belong to graduates in their forties or fifties. But nobody supposes that Mr. Rhodes wanted to benefit the Empire by endowing with scholarships graduates in their fifties, and we agree with our correspondent in thinking that the object he sought was the encouragement of the promising schoolboy. Further confirmation of this view is to be found in the provision in the will that the Rhodes scholar shall have proved in his school days that he was a power for good morally as well as physically. The trustees are directed to have regard to the candidate's "exhibition during school days of moral force of character, and of instincts to lead and to take an interest in his school mates." There is nothing about the candidate's taking an interest in the youths who sat beside him on the University benches: nothing about his exhibition of moral force of character during his University career or after. Plainly, Mr. Rhodes had schoolboys, or youths in their teens, in his mind's eye when he dictated the terms of his will. It may be hoped that the New South Wales selectors will bear in mind the obvious intentions of the founder when, in a few days now, they select the next Rhodes scholar for New South Wales.

The Premier's Tour.—The Premier, Mr. Carruthers, returned yesterday to his office at the Treasury Department, after a 10 days' tour through some of the richest portions of the New England district. During his absence from Sydney he travelled 1185 miles, of which 219 miles were covered in vehicles. In addition to the places mentioned in the "Herald" reports, he visited Mr. Britten's farm at Attunga to note the capabilities of the Goonoo Goonoo land in that locality. A visit was also paid to Winton to inspect land thrown open to selection on the Bective holding when he was Minister for Lands. The farmers are doing well on holdings ranging from 300 to 500 acres, though, owing to the want of capital, they are unable to crop as much of their land as they desire. Some of the original holders did so well that they had sold out and bought larger holdings. Mr. Carruthers next traversed the Goonoo Goonoo estate, 33 miles in one direction and 20 miles in another, and was thus able to gain a clear idea of the value of the land.

High Court of Australia.—Under present arrangements the first sitting of the High Court of Australia for the present year will open at Darlinghurst Courthouse on Monday next, and so far no instructions have been received to the contrary. The appeals set down in the list number half a dozen, and only one can be said to be of first importance. This is the case of Baume v Commonwealth of Australia, relating to the refusal of the Federal Customs to pass the plaintiff's entries for watches imported into this State, and the alleged detention of his business books. The defendants are appealing against the decision of Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, who (exercising Federal jurisdiction) on a motion for discovery, held that the Commonwealth of Australia was a "party," and also a corporation within the meaning of section 102 of the Common Law Procedure Act, 1899. In Hinds v Quan Yick, the defendant was prosecuted under the Act 4, George IV., chapter 60, dealing with lotteries, on a charge of selling "pak-a-pu" tickets. The magistrate dismissed the information, holding that the Act was not in force in New South Wales. The Full Court, however, subsequently decided that the Act referred to was in force here, and that, therefore, the decision of the magistrates was erroneous. Defendant then obtained special leave from the High Court to appeal, and it was pointed out at the time that the prosecution under such an old Act was entirely novel, and that about 20 other cases depended upon the result of the appeal. In Brickwood v Young and others, which was a claim under the Darling Harbour Resumption Act, plaintiff is appealing from the order of the Full Court holding that he was not entitled to receive certain moneys out of Court in connection with his claim for compensation. In Falk v Lysaght Bros. and Company, the Full Court had refused to grant a rule nisi by which plaintiff had been called upon to show cause why the verdict found in his favour should not be set aside, and a new trial granted. The action was one in which plaintiff claimed compensation for alleged breach of contract in reference to the supply to him by defendants of zinc dross. The other appeals are London Bank of Australia v New Lambton Land and Coal Company, Limited, which is a matter arising out of the Companies Act, and Caraher and another v L. T. Lloyd (official assignee).

Jubilee of the New South Wales Railways.—The fiftieth anniversary of the opening of the railways of New South Wales will be reached next September. The officers of the Railway Institute have decided to celebrate the occasion by holding an exhibition to illustrate the progress of our railway system during the past 50 years. An historical and comparative account of the railway system will also be prepared. A photographic display and competition will illustrate the gradual evolution of the present railway system from that modest beginning—the line to Parramatta. Another photographic competition will show the picturesque scenes convenient to the railways. The exhibition will be held in the large hall of the Railway Institute. A musical entertainment will also be held. The Railway Commissioners have concurred in the proposals of the institute council, and are assisting them, in order that they may be carried out in a creditable manner. The historical account of the growth of New South Wales railways will be a general competitive matter, and a prize of 20 guineas is to be given for the best essay.

Not Wanted in New Zealand.—Regarding the case of the elderly man who was refused admission to New Zealand, and returned to Sydney, our Wellington correspondent states that inquiries show the man arrived with 3s 6d in his pocket. He told the health officer he was feeling queer in his head, and appeared rather dull. He was detained on board the steamer, and the health officer, after a subsequent visit to the man, issued a certificate that the old man was not very bright, and in his opinion was likely to become a charge on charitable aid through inability to obtain employment. The Union S.S. Company refused to execute a bond under the Imbecile Passengers Act for £100 when applied to by the Collector of Customs. Accordingly the man was shipped back by the Waikare. He came to Wellington to join his wife and son, but neglected to advise them of his visit. He left their addresses in Australia, and had forgotten where they lived, and inquiries to find them were made without avail.

Collectors at the Royal Agricultural Show.—The matter of collecting for charities came before the council of the Royal Agricultural Show yesterday, when a letter was read from the Civil Ambulance and Transport Brigade authorities, who asked for the exclusive right to collect in the grounds for the brigade during show time. One member of the council said that at the last show there seemed to be a collector at every corner. Collectors followed people into the refreshment rooms, and, by their persistency, became an annoyance to the public. He did not think the public wanted to be followed all over the place by an army of collectors, all engaged in the one charity. The council decided, in view of the useful work done by the brigade during the show, to allow not more than four collectors to operate in the grounds, but not to give any exclusive right of collection to the brigade. Sir Francis Suttor, referring to the exclusiveness sought by the brigade, said that a national calamity might arise, for which collectors might be needed in the ground, and the council would be unwise to bind itself to allowing the brigade any special right to collect while barring others.

An "Insolent" Policy Deprecated.—Mr. G. H. Knibbs, *Director of Technical Education*, speaking before a meeting of the British Empire League in Australia at the Royal Society's House last night, declared that it was not fair to Great Britain for the Commonwealth to maintain an insolent attitude towards other Powers. He thought we should review our policy towards the mother country. It should, he thought, be remembered that we dispossessed the aboriginals because in our view they were not making the best use of their territory. Were we now making the best use of it? What happened to the blacks would happen to us if we did not get more than five millions of people. Our population was now stationary. We told British subjects that they must not come here if they were wise enough to make terms before they came. What we must bear in mind was that this country should carry an immense population, and accumulate sufficient material wealth to provide for its defence in the day of trial. Another speaker questioned whether, if the present restrictive policy was continued, Eastern or other Powers would not have the moral right to say to Australia: "You are allowing the great northern part of your continent to lie idle. If you do not inhabit and work it we shall see what we can do."

Danger of a Tick Invasion.—During the recent visit to Sydney of Mr. Morgan, Premier of Queensland, he suggested to the Premier, Mr. Carruthers, that permission be given to the railway authorities of the northern State to extend their southern railway about 100 yards, so as to bring it alongside the wharf on the Tweed River. The terminus of the line in question is already situated about 200 yards on the New South Wales side of the border. The narrow strip of land on which the line and station are situated on New South Wales territory is encircled with a barbed-wire fence to prevent live stock entering this State without being smeared, as a protection against the introduction of ticks. Mr. Carruthers does not think that the extension of the Queensland railway to the banks of the Tweed River will increase the danger of a tick invasion, because we have the safeguard of a buffer fence on the border, as well as the constant vigilance of the rangers employed by the Stock Department to watch it and the places prescribed for the crossing of stock into this State. In all probability an officer will be instructed to visit Tweed Heads and report upon the request made by the Queensland Premier.

Murray River Fisheries.—At a meeting of the New South Wales Fisheries Board held on Wednesday the following resolutions were adopted:—That the importance of the Murray River fisheries demands that proper regulations of a protective character should be adopted in order that the continuity of supply may be maintained, and practices retarding their development abolished. That in view of the States of New South Wales, Victoria, and South Australia being interested in conserving and developing the Murray fisheries, a conference be held of representatives of the States named so that uniform action may be adopted in respect to the close seasons, implements of capture, legal weights of fish, and such other matters as may be deemed desirable to introduce for discussion in regard to such fisheries. That the chairman (Mr. F. Farnell) and Mr. H. Dawson be appointed to represent the commission at the above conference.

Glen Innes Agricultural Farm.—The Premeir remarked yesterday, that while inspecting the Glen Innes Agricultural Farm at Furracabad, he was asked to provide a residence for the superintendent. He found, on returning to Glen Innes, that the gaol, built at a cost of between £16,000 and £17,000, was closed, because there were no prisoners, and was in charge of a caretaker. It struck him as rather strange that he should be requested to build a residence at Furracabad for the superintendent of the Agricultural Farm, whilst the gaol contained administrative offices fit for a Premier to occupy. He gave instructions for those offices to be made available for the superintendent. He was of opinion that if the exterior walls of the gaol were lowered, and a few internal walls and bars removed, the whole aspect of the building would be changed, and made suitable for an Agricultural College. It is true the college would not be on the Agricultural Farm, but as the latter is only two miles away, no difficulty would be experienced by the students in driving to the college. In addition to that, there is a lot of land around the gaol that could be used for experimental purposes.

An Empire Day.—The idea of May 24, the birthday of the late Queen Victoria, being observed throughout British possessions as Empire Day, appeals strongly to the sympathies of the Women's Branch of the British Empire League. Mrs. Hugh Dixson, the president of the branch, addressing a meeting held last night at the Royal Society's House, said that the movement was likely to be prosecuted enthusiastically in Australia. Nothing had yet been definitely settled, but the day would be primarily celebrated by the schools, and, if sufficient support promised, there would be a conversazione at the Town Hall. She hoped there would be hearty co-operation by young and old. It was proposed that a special badge should be worn on the 24th, and that all who had a Union Jack should fly it.

Fair List of Breweries.—At last night's meeting of the Sydney Labour Council a recommendation was submitted to the effect that the secretary be empowered to communicate with firms not on the fair list issued by the Brewery Employees' Union, inquiring whether they were willing to conform to union conditions, and have their names placed on the list. Some doubt was expressed as to the wisdom of accepting the proposal, and an amendment was moved in favour of a conference of the trades interested being held before taking any definite step in the matter. Upon being put to a vote, however, the amendment was rejected by 46 to 24, and the recommendation of the executive was eventually carried by a large majority.

Some Empire Problems.—Imperialism was the key-note of an address on "Problems of Empire," delivered by Mr. H. B. Bignold before a combined meeting of the Central League and Women's Branch of the British Empire League in Australia, at the Royal Society's House last night. To Mr. Bignold's mind, the present trend of national events was a menace to Great Britain's supremacy, and as the future of Australia, in common with that of all of England's colonies, was wrapped up in that supremacy, it behoved us to recognise our responsibilities towards Imperial defence. He emphasised that Britain's stronghold was the sea, and showed the value of her navy to the colonies. Then arose the problem as to what our contribution should be for this protection. We enjoyed to the fullest the safeguard of England's fighting forces, but while her population paid yearly 35s a head Australians put down only 2s 9d a head. Our standing army, he believed, was 1272 men, although other forces brought it up to 20,000. There were 388,000,000 tons of British trade, which was confined to the colonies, and which owed its safety to the Imperial Navy. He ridiculed the idea of Australian battleships. What use would a small independent squadron be to us? It might be at Fremantle when wanted on the other side of the continent at Sydney. The battle on which our fate would hang might be decided off the coast of Europe. Mr. Bignold, whose able paper was much appreciated, appealed strongly for a broader Australian outlook, and increased assistance to Imperial defences.

A Scottish Conference.—The council of the Highland Society of New South Wales is organising a conference of representatives of the various Scottish societies and other prominent Scotsmen, to be held in Sydney during the Easter season. The conference will discuss the best means of enlarging the aims, scope, and influence of the Scottish societies throughout the State, with the object of extending the benevolent grants to needy and indigent Scots; educating the rising generation to take an increased interest in the history, poetry, music, games, and traditions of Scotland. The conference will also discuss the best methods by which societies may assist one another in the conduct of gatherings, concerts, etc., and afford such support as may be practicable to worthy members of the societies in their everyday life. Papers dealing with various aspects of the questions referred to will be read by prominent Scotsmen. The Highland society has arranged for the entertainment of the delegates at a harbour picnic. The conference will probably be opened on April 19.

Easier Tone in the Fat Stock Market.—The high values that have been ruling during the past fortnight, combined with the continued dry weather in many parts of the country, drew a large supply of sheep to the Homebush fat stock saleyards yesterday. Upwards of 125 consignors were represented by nearly 29,000 sheep and lambs. One draft of over 1400 head came from St. George, Queensland. Although values were not so high as on Monday and Thursday last, it was a brisk market from start to finish, and one or two small lots of extra prime sheep realised good figures. Crossbred ewes sold up to 21s 10d, crossbred wethers to 20s, and merino wethers to 19s 6d. In the lamb market the demand was equal to the supply, and the values were very firm. Although there was only a moderate supply of cattle, and the quality not up to the usual standard, it was ample for trade requirements, and values were weaker. Best beef generally realised 22s and occasionally 23s per 100lb.

Sailing of the Wakool.—Lund's Blue Anchor liner Wakool will be despatched from the Central Wharf, Miller's Point, at noon to-day by Messrs. Gilchrist, Watt, and Sanderson, Ltd., for Natal, Capetown, and London. Her cargo requirements have been fully provided for, and in her insulated holds she is taking a large and varied assortment. The comfortable accommodation of the Wakool has attracted a satisfactory number of passengers, and the list will be further supplemented in Melbourne and Adelaide. In addition, she will also pick up a considerable number of first-class passengers at Natal for London, for whom berths have been reserved for some time in advance.

Cheap excursion tickets to the Hawkesbury River, including trip on the steamer General Gordon, will be issued this morning and to-morrow morning by train leaving Sydney at 9.5, and from Milson's Point at 8.50.

The Marrickville Hospital committee has decided to ask Sir Harry Rawson to open the new ward of the hospital on or about April 15. The matron's report for the last month showed the patients admitted were 13, discharged 15, remaining 10.

The Minister for Public Instruction has acceded to the request of the Life-saving Society that the use of the shelter sheds at the Public schools be granted for the purpose of holding evening classes for instruction in life-saving and resuscitation in those suburbs where such classes may be formed.

In the course of comments upon the Premier's closer settlement policy in Wednesday's issue, the remark that "as the Goonoo Goonoo resumption will cost at least three-quarters of a million, and that at Colley Creek only about £100,000, he was sure the latter would be resumed first" was inadvertently attributed to Mr. Carruthers, whereas it was made by the chairman at the dinner.

An address on "Woman's Sphere" was delivered at the School of Arts by Mr. G. D. Bruce, before the members of the Woman's Progressive Association.

A successful Continental was held last night under the auspices of the Electrical Society of New South Wales at the Sydney Cricket Ground. A programme of vocal and instrumental music was submitted. Among the contributors were Messrs. H. Wilkie and T. T. Peterson.

We have been requested to state that the arrangements for unfurling the flag at Darlinghurst school were made by Mrs. Spencer, and that Herr Hugo Alpen conducted the musical items.

In connection with the wholesale and retail produce merchants' picnic on March 29, the Railway Commissioners have agreed not to impose demurrage charges on produce arriving for the sale ordinarily held on that day.

Mr. Ernest Needs asks us to direct attention to his announcement that his beginners' dancing classes have resumed at city and North Sydney.

Cheap excursion to Parkesvale (George's River) will be made to-morrow by train leaving Sydney at 7.15 p.m.

Mr. A. C. Rowlandson (N.S.W. Bookstall Company) sends us samples of coloured pictorial postcards. They are of local production, and the subjects are well chosen.

We are asked to state that the presentation to Mr. C. E. Paterson, of the Druids, was made by the Lady Rawson Lodge.

## CRUISE ON A PETROL LAUNCH.

### MR. AND MRS. GLIDDEN ENTERTAINED.

### MOTOR EXPERIENCES BY THE VISITORS.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Glidden, who recently arrived in Sydney after motoring round the world and covering close on 24,000 miles, were yesterday afternoon entertained by the Automobile Club at a harbour excursion. The launch, which was a 40-foot cruiser, belonging to Mr. A. J. Knowles, met the party at 2 p.m. at Circular Quay. Amongst those who accompanied the visitors on the cruise were:—Mr. Jones, president of the Automobile Club, and Mrs. Jones, Mr. Fisher, secretary, and Mrs. Fisher, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Albert, Mr. and Mrs. W. Charles Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. George Lane, Miss Queen Rignold, Mr. Jules Maillard, and Mr. A. J. Knowles.

At 2.30 p.m. the signal was given to start, and at once the launch dashed away at a speed of 10 knots. Before 3.30 p.m. the party had almost reached Parramatta. A halt was then made, and the boat's head turned towards Lane Cove. On the return journey to Sydney, Mr. Glidden, at the request of several of those present, recounted his experiences on the motor. He stated that in 1901 he covered 2000 miles in England and France; in 1902, 5125 miles in seven countries, crossing the famous Arlberg and Brenner passes in the Tyrol besides the St. Gothard and Brunig in Switzerland. In addition to the journeys enumerated he made a complete circuit of the Italian lakes, over Mount Turbil by way of the Corniche road, and across the Pyrenees into Spain. The chief charm when motoring, said the tourist, lay not in racing or in driving fast, but in ascending and descending the great mountain passes over roads winding and turning in all conceivable directions. Passing through canyons and winding hollows, along the banks of rushing torrents and silvery waterfalls, and finally emerging into quaint picturesque villages, with their prettily costumed peasants—all these sights, continued Mr. Glidden, tended to make motor touring in foreign countries one of the most fascinating pastimes conceivable. In 1903 Mr. Glidden drove his motor car 6670 miles in 13 countries, this being the longest continuous motor car drive on record. In this trip our Boston visitor reached a point never before attained, viz., the Arctic Circle, almost directly north of Sweden. The fourth season's tour embraced a tour of 6268 miles, including a drive from Boston to Vancouver.

Asked as to his impressions of motoring, Mr. Glidden eulogised the pastime as the most reliable and health-giving exercise to be had. The motor, he continued, claimed for its path the hills, valleys, dales, and ridges; the shaded lanes and borders of lakes and seas; and for its admirers multitudes of men, women, and children. The mission of the motor, he further related, was to transport humanity from stuffy towns into the pure air of nature, and to take them there quickly.

The party reached Sydney about 6 p.m. after a very enjoyable trip, and were escorted in Mr. Albert's and Mr. Lane's motor cars to the Australia Hotel, where Mr. and Mrs. Glidden entertained them at dinner.

## THE WEATHER.

Rough seas were still running along the northern portion of the coast yesterday, and quite a small fleet of vessels is barbound at the different rivers. The steamer Wollumbin is detained at the Tweed, the steamer Nerong is unable to cross in at the Nambucca, the steamer Rosedale and the ketch Zelma are still barbound at the Bellinger, the steamers Electra and Kincumber are delayed by the conditions at the Manning, and the schooner Willinga is barbound at Cape Hawke.

High temperatures were again registered throughout the inland districts yesterday. Bourke reported a reading of 101 degrees, and at Dubbo and Walgett the temperature reached 98 degrees. At a large number of stations the shade readings exceeded 90 degrees.

The Acting Government Meteorologist says that the present conditions favour cloud areas and some showers in coastal parts, with a tendency for thunder north of Sydney, and also over the northern highlands. Otherwise fine weather will rule generally. The winds will be variable, but chiefly E to S, with calms.

## TO-DAY.

R.A.A. Band: Centennial Park, 3.30 p.m.
Paddington Labour League: Town Hall, Paddington, 8 p.m.
Women's Parliamentary Debating Union: School of Arts.
Y.M.C.A.: Meeting, 8 p.m.
Epping Races: First Event, 2.15 p.m.
Her Majesty's Theatre: "The Orchid," 7.50 p.m.
Theatre Royal: "Woman and Wine," 8 p.m.
Lyceum Theatre: "The Broken Melody," 8 p.m.
Tivoli Theatre: Vaudeville, 8 p.m.
Shooting the Chutes and Tobogganing: Manly.
Zoological Gardens, Moore Park: 10 a.m. to 6 p.m.
Cyclorama: "Battle of Gettysburg," Illusions, Cinematographs, 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

# THE COMMONWEALTH.

## COST OF FEDERATION.

### MR. CARRUTHERS IN REPLY TO SIR GEORGE TURNER.

"I am not," observed the Premier yesterday, "going to question the figures of Sir George Turner published in Tuesday's issue of the 'Herald' with regard to the cost of Federation. I have found him very accurate and fair, and therefore I take his figures to be correct. I find, according to Sir George Turner's statement, there has been an increased expenditure in the transferred departments, also on new works and buildings, and our share of new expenditure to the extent of £378,000 per annum since the Commonwealth was established. Sir George Turner shows the reasons for this increase. I never found any increase of expenditure for which a good reason could not be given. At the same time we do not like it. My desire was to point out that there had been an increased Federal expenditure. Sir George Turner is mistaken if he thinks I blame him for the increase. I only want the fact to be made known, so that public attention may lead to a check being put upon a further increase in the expenditure."

## WESTERN AUSTRALIAN TARIFF.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The old question, whether articles which are raw material or ingredients of some finished product have paid Customs duty on importation into the Commonwealth, can be legally charged Customs impost under the special tariff of Western Australia when that product is re-exported to that State, was raised again to-day by Mr. Daglish, Premier of Western Australia. He called on Senator Drake, who is acting as Minister for Customs during the absence of Mr. M'Lean in his constituency and asked that cakes sent from the eastern States to his State should be declared dutiable under the special tariff of that State when they enter there. Mr. Drake replied that the amount paid in duty on ingredients was already paid to Western Australia under the interstate adjustments, and that the law officers of the Crown held that the finished product was not dutiable when it went to Western Australia.

## LAUNCESTON MAILS.

Mr. Scott, Secretary of the Postal Department, has called for a report from the General Post Office officials in Melbourne relative to the curtailment of time within which letters from Tasmania can be answered. It has been represented to him by business men of Melbourne that there is now half an hour less time allowed for replies to letters than there was some time ago, and as the boat from Launceston arrives in Melbourne in the morning and leaves again in the afternoon, there was not, under the arrangement, too much time for answering correspondence.

# PERSONAL.

## VICE-REGAL.

The Governor-General and party, accompanied by Captain Evans, the Premier, and Mr. A. Morrisby, M.L.C., arrived at Queenstown (Tas.) by special train from Zeehan, yesterday. There was a large crowd at the railway station, including a guard of honour from the local company of Tasmanian Rangers. An address of welcome was presented by the chairman of the town board. The party was afterwards driven to the Imperial Hotel, where they were privately entertained at luncheon by the directors of the Mount Lyell Company. After luncheon the reduction works were visited, in company with the general manager and the directors, and the Vice-Regal party left on their return journey to Zeehan by a special train at 4 p.m.

Their Excellencies the Governor-General and Lady Northcote and staff will arrive in Sydney and take up residence at Government House on Saturday, the 25th inst.

Lady Rawson, Miss Rawson, and Mr. Wyatt Rawson leave Sydney for England by the Orient-Pacific steamer Orontes on Wednesday next. His Excellency the Governor will accompany them as far as Fremantle.

The Premier (Mr. Carruthers) will visit Maitland next Wednesday for the purpose of opening the new hospital erected there at a cost of £10,000.

The new Agent-General of South Australia (Mr. Jenkins), Mrs. and Miss Jenkins, left Adelaide by the express yesterday. Mr. Justice Herbert, Government Resident of Northern Territory, and Mrs. Herbert, were passengers by the same train. Mr. Jenkins will join the steamer Miowera at Sydney for Vancouver.

Mr. Norman Leslie, of the Brisbane Grammar School, has been chosen as the Rhodes scholar for Queensland. He is 18 years of age, and passed the senior university examination last November.

Alderman Gould, Mayor of Marrickville, entertained his supporters and friends of the North Ward at a smoke social in the local Town Hall last evening. There were about 50 gentlemen present, including Mr. R. W. W. M'Coy, M.L.A., Mr. J. J. Cohen, M.L.A., Mr. J. Harrison (chairman of Alderman Gould's election committee), and other prominent residents of the district. A toast list was gone through.

The Sydney Labour Council has endorsed the candidature of Mr. Sam. Smith for the approaching vacancy on the bench of the Arbitration Court as the employees' representative. Mr. Smith has filled the position since the establishment of the Court, but his appointment expires at the end of the present month. His re-election is regarded in Labour circles as practically certain.

Regret will be felt by the many friends of Miss Fordyce on learning that she passed away at an early hour yesterday morning at the residence of her father, the Rev. Dr. Fordyce, Denison-street, Woollahra. The late Miss Fordyce took an active interest in church work, especially with the Sunday school and Christian Endeavour Society connected with the Woollahra Congregational Church, among the members of whom she was held in affectionate regard. Many expressions of sympathy have been forwarded by the Woollahra Church and its organisations.

Mr. J. P. Larcombe, a highly respected resident of the Parramatta district, died at his residence, Wyoming, Pennant Hills-road, on Wednesday evening. The deceased, who had been suffering from heart disease for some time, expired rather suddenly after partaking of dinner. Mr. Larcombe was well known as vice-president of the local bowling club, in which he took keen interest. He was a native of Bath, England, and came to the colony some 48 years ago, when he entered into commercial life in Sydney. He retired from business 27 years ago. For many years the deceased gentleman was closely connected with the Parramatta Congregational Church.

Mr. Henry Wheelock M'Kern, for many years accountant in the Government Printing Office, has severed his connection with the department, after 43½ years' service. Mr. M'Kern contemplates taking a trip to the old country.

Mrs. Ada, State treasurer of the Woman's Christian Temperance Union, was a passenger by the R.M.S. Marmora, which left Sydney on Wednesday. Members of the W.C.T.U. and kindred bodies assembled at the wharf to wish Mrs. Ada bon voyage.

At a meeting of the Fisheries Board held on Wednesday leave of absence for seven months was granted to Major A. Spain, one of the Commissioners, who intends paying a visit to Europe, and who has promised to secure for the department all information available in respect to fisheries.

ECONOMY.
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# THE WAR.

## CAPTURE OF TIE-LING.

### JAPAN'S RAPID MOVEMENTS.

### WIDE FLANKING MOVEMENT.

### PEACE PROSPECTS.

### FRANCE'S MONETARY PRESSURE.

**LONDON, March 16, 11.5 a.m.**

**Reuter's correspondent at Tokio reports that the Japanese at midnight on Wednesday occupied Tie-ling, upon which the Russians had retreated from Mukden.**

### RUSSIAN CENTRE ATTACKED.

### KUROPATKIN FORCED NORTHWARD.

LONDON, March 16.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Times" reports that one and a half divisions of Japanese attacked the Russian positions south of Tie-ling.

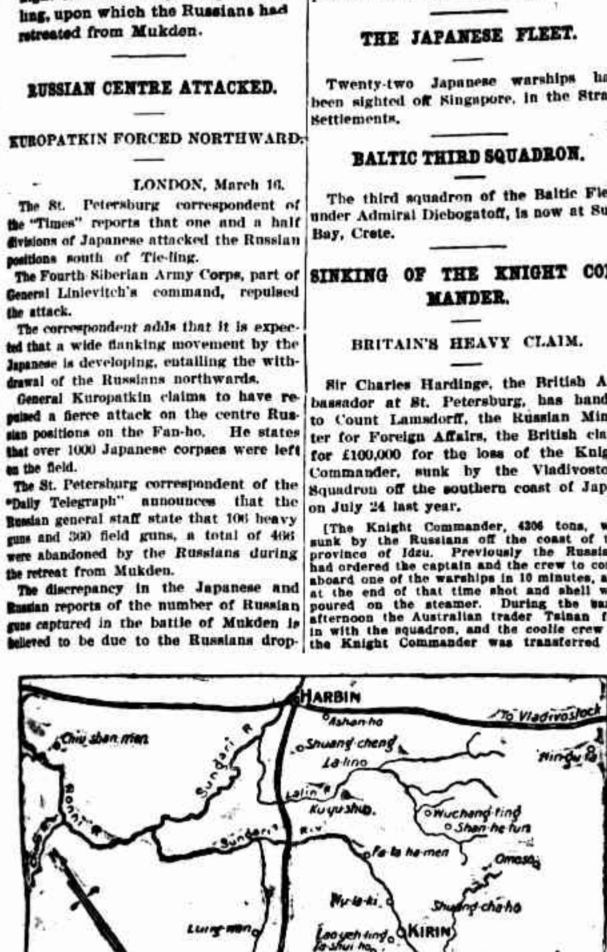
The Fourth Siberian Army Corps, part of General Linievitch's command, repulsed the attack.

The correspondent adds that it is expected that a wide flanking movement by the Japanese is developing, entailing the withdrawal of the Russians northwards.

General Kuropatkin claims to have repulsed a fierce attack on the centre Russian positions on the Fan-ho. He states that over 1000 Japanese corpses were left on the field.

The St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Daily Telegraph" announces that the Russian general staff state that 106 heavy guns and 360 field guns, a total of 466 were abandoned by the Russians during the retreat from Mukden.

The discrepancy in the Japanese and Russian reports of the number of Russian guns captured in the battle of Mukden is believed to be due to the Russians dropping guns through the ice of rivers or abandoning them in ravines. The Japanese expect after a search to recover much additional artillery.



THE LINE OF RUSSIAN RETREAT.

If General Kuropatkin is able to retreat right to Harbin—which seems doubtful—he will follow the course of the railroad traced in the above map. The retirement is through flat country—the Great Manchurian Plain—and therefore favourable to the Japanese, whose mobility is unquestionably superior. From Port Arthur to Mukden the victorious armies of Japan have swept southern Manchuria clear of the Slav for about 250 miles. The pursuit of the Russian army from Tie-ling to Harbin would mean about 300 miles more. The Japanese object is to again encircle the enemy and annihilate the remnant of the once grand army. It will be noted that the Sungari River is about 90 miles south of Harbin. Probably troops will leave Harbin to entrench along the banks of that river. If that course be adopted Kuropatkin's period of chief anxiety will be while marching from Tie-ling to the Sungari, a distance of about 200 miles. He is now between Tie-ling, which was occpied by the Japanese yesterday, and Kai-yuan.

The Siberian railway is running 24 military trains daily. Prince Khilkoff, the Russian Minister for Ways and Communications, hopes to increase the number.

### JAPANESE RAPID PURSUIT.

### GREAT CAPTURE OF AMMUNITION.

The rapid pursuit by the Japanese compelled the Russians to abandon 15 miles to the north of Mukden a train of carts extending a distance of 12 miles. The carts are laden with ammunition and war material.

Civilian fugitives from Mukden are without shelter, and are on the roads and fields. Several have been murdered.

It is believed that there are no stores between Tie-ling and Harbin.

The Chinese residents of Mukden welcomed the Japanese with enthusiasm.

### NORTHERN RAILWAY REOPENED.

The refusal by the Chinese to carry by the Northern China railway for the Japanese supplies of food to Sin-ming-tin originated out of threats by the Russians and the Russo-Chinese Bank. The Japanese have now induced the Chinese authorities to reopen the line.

### TOTAL RUSSIAN LOSSES.

### NEARLY HALF A MILLION.

The Russian losses in killed, wounded, and prisoners by land and sea since the outbreak of the war number 400,000.

### GERMANY'S POSITION.

### THE STRICTEST NEUTRALITY.

Count von Bulow, the Imperial Chancellor, speaking in the German Reichstag yesterday, said that Russia's position as a great Power would probably outlast the vicissitudes of the war and her internal disturbances. The correctness of Germany's attitude to Russia was absolutely unassailable. Russia knew that Germany would not profit by her present difficulties and great embarrassments.

Both Russia and Japan could count on Germany's strict and loyal neutrality, and Japan would respect Germany's acquired rights in the Far East.

### PRESSURE ON RUSSIA.

### REFUSAL OF FRENCH LOAN.

The postponement of the negotiations for the issue of the Russian loan in France is part of the pressure that is being exerted by that country to induce the Czar to capitulate.

March 16.

Lord Rothschild, interviewed yesterday on the subject of the Russian loan, said: "France's postponement of the issue of the loan is tantamount to a refusal. The French know that *for* Russia to continue the war means revolution, while to cease the war under present conditions also means revolution."

Lord Rothschild does not believe that the French Government is exercising any pressure to bring about peace.

### THE JAPANESE FLEET.

Twenty-two Japanese warships have been sighted off Singapore, in the Straits Settlements.

### BALTIC THIRD SQUADRON.

The third squadron of the Baltic Fleet, under Admiral Diebogatoff, is now at Suda Bay, Crete.

### SINKING OF THE KNIGHT COMMANDER.

### BRITAIN'S HEAVY CLAIM.

Sir Charles Hardinge, the British Ambassador at St. Petersburg, has handed to Count Lamsdorff, the Russian Minister for Foreign Affairs, the British claim for £100,000 for the loss of the Knight Commander, sunk by the Vladivostock Squadron off the southern coast of Japan on July 24 last year.

[The Knight Commander, 4306 tons, was sunk by the Russians off the coast of the province of Idzu. Previously the Russians had ordered the captain and the crew to come aboard one of the warships in 10 minutes, and at the end of that time shot and shell was poured on the steamer. During the same afternoon the Australian trader Tsinan fell in with the squadron, and the coolie crew of the Knight Commander was transferred to her. The cargo of the sunken vessel was a general one, from New York, among it being a quantity of railway material, consisting of bridge work, and it was Russia's contention that this railway material was contraband of war. The explanation given for her sinking was that if she had been taken as a prize there was a danger of the Japanese recapturing her. Great Britain and the United States took joint action in the matter, the former on behalf of the owners of the vessel, and the latter for the owners of the cargo. Strong representations were made to Russia, and it was declared that the action of the Vladivostock squadron was wholly against international law.]

### THE TACOMA CAPTURED.

The Japanese have captured the British steamer Tacoma, 2812 tons, carrying contraband of war for Vladivostock.

### CABLE TO THE CONSUL.

### OYAMA'S SWIFT ADVANCE.

### OCCUPATION OF TIE-LING.

Mr. K. Iwasaki, Acting Consul-General for Japan, received the following cable from Tokio last night:—

"Marquis Oyama reports:—

"'Our advanced troops are pressing the enemy everywhere. We occupied Tie-ling at 30 minutes after midnight—Thursday morning.'"

## COMMENTS ON THE SITUATION.

The Japanese occupied Tie-ling—whence Kuropatkin had taken flight from Mukden—early yesterday morning. They took possession a few minutes after midnight. Tie-ling was strongly entrenched, but with his army in a state of panic, his supplies small, the pursuing columns displaying a remarkable mobility, Kuropatkin was in a helpless position. An early cable reported that the Japanese had suffered a repulse. Doubtless at some point—the centre, probably—the Japanese were checked, but east and west the encircling columns were threatening the road to the north, and the Russian army took flight. What is to be the end of this race. The prospects of the Muscovite army are gloomy. It is tragic and pitiable on the one side; on the other it is a triumph that has no equal in the history of warfare. Little thought, it is to be feared, is given to the human side of the war. But in Russia the anguish must be intense. If a nation's heart could break, Russia is that nation.

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The policy of the Japanese generals must be *to press* the pursuit relentlessly. They hold the advantage, and it is an axiom of war that a beaten and retiring enemy must be allowed no rest—no opportunity to recuperate and stiffen his fibre. Marquis Oyama, we may safely assume, carried out strong flanking movements to compel Kuropatkin to evacuate Tie-ling. The next important stage in the retreat is Kai-yuan, about 40 miles northward. The loss of Tie-ling signifies far more than the mere loss of a strong strategical position. Its importance in the enormous internal trade of Manchuria has previously been pointed out. It may be regarded as the gate-way from northern into southern Manchuria—a half-way civic centre. While Kuropatkin held Mukden and Tie-ling he intercepted the supplies that under ordinary circumstances would have drifted on boats down the Liao to Niu-chwang, thence to Japan, and Shan-tung. He is now being forced northward through the most fruitful part of the country.

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The difficulties of supply will become very critical if the Japanese succeed in cutting the railway in the north. Practcally the Russian army is dependent upon the railway. There will now be no half-heartedness in the support given by the Manchurian bandits. The occupation of Mukden has completely won the Chinese, who now doubtless have visions of one day joining as a nation in the pressure against the invading Slav. They have yet to find, however, what the Japanese will demand as a reward for bundling the Bear out of Manchuria. China—helpless giant of the East—strangely enough, is rarely considered when the fate of her territory is discussed. For the present, however, her interests are with Japan, and the enthusiasm with which the armies of Nippon were greeted in Mukden and its villages was genuine. General Kuropatkin is, of course, receiving some reinforcements from the north. Troops are always en route, and the splendid siding system by which Prince Khilkoff, the wizard of the railroad, conquered innumerable difficulties, enables supply trains to give the right-of-way to troop-trains, or vice versa, as the necessities of the occasion may suggest. It is to be feared that the huge captures of supplies have left the Russian army with such limited rations that at present troop-trains are giving way almost exclusively to supply trucks. There may be 30,000 troops between Kuropatkin and Harbin, nearly half of them guarding the railways, and there is every reason now to strengthen rather than to weaken the force guarding the line, as the Japanese will be unceasing in their efforts to swoop down and destroy bridges and culverts. Kuropatkin's prospects are anything but bright, and St. Petersburg has profound reason to regard with dread the army's long retreat of about 300 miles.

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Altogether the line in Manchuria is guarded by 55 sotnias of Cossacks, 55 companies of infantry, and six batteries, in all 25,000 men, and their patrol extends to nearly 40 miles on each side of the railway. The distance from the western boundary of Manchuria to Mukden is 925 miles. It is calculated that if the military trains travelled at the rate of 12½ miles an hour as far as Lake Baikal, and at the rate of nine and a half miles an hour beyond, the time taken from Moscow to Mukden, including four days' stoppage, would be 24 days. As a matter of fact, the time actually taken has usually been about 31 days, and in some cases as much as 10 days longer. There are 21 halting-places between Moscow and Baikal, 15 having been built during the war. One of them, between Irkutsk and Baikal, has barrack accommodation *for* 4000 men. At some other places the barrack accommodation is for 500 men only. Brom Baikal to Mukden the halting-places number 22. Most of the halting-places are organised to feed as many as 8000 men per day, including those who are merely passing through.

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It is advisable to cast a thought now and then to the mammoth work behind the fighting line. Prince Khilhoff is again on the scene. He has been in Paris in connection with large orders for the Siberian railway. The announcement is made to-day that he *is running 24 trains daily*, and hopes to increase the number. Had Kuropatkin astonished the military experts to half the extent that Khilhoff has, he would now be signing the parchments of peace in Tokio, as one of his attaches glibly and foolishly ventured to forecast long ago. The last contracts offered by the Trans-Siberian railroad were 140 locomotives, to cost between £3500 and £4000 each. British locomotive makers, including those of Leeds and Glasgow, found that political antagonism gave them little chance against German and French firms. But what does Khilhoff's supreme effort mean? The regular running of 24 trains a day represents reinforcements reaching Harbin at the rate of 120,000 per month. Hence in the middle of May at least 200,000 fresh troops will be in Manchuria. Prince Khilhoff is a great administrator; one of Russia's few incorruptible and highly capable Ministers.

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Beyond the din and clamour of war, a small circle of European financiers exercise a silent but tremendous influence upon the war. One of them, Lord Rothschild, has been interviewed. He points out that whatever happens Russia is bound to be chaotic for some time. It is nothing less than extraordinary that Lord Rothschild should be interviewed. He does not consider that those responsible in France were actuated solely by a desire for peace in blocking the Russian loan. "The postponement," he said, "was tantamount to a refusal." Rothschild could doubtless tell the secret history of the blocking of the loan. It would be interesting to know whether he had a share in this latest thrust at Russia. His words seem to be those of a victor. The financiers upon whom European Governments lean are Jews. It was a forecast early in the war that if Russia, the chief bully of the Jews among the nations, was ever grovelling half-stunned and helpless under the heel of an enemy the Jew would have his revenge. The chief of the financiers has spoken at the very hour when the Colossus is humiliated to the dust. Defeat abroad, revolution at home, the financiers of nations hostile—from all sides daggers are pointed at the heart of Russia.

# WESTERN AUSTRALIA.

### RELIEF CREWS.

PERTH, Thursday.

On board the steamer Omrah, which called at Fremantle to-day on her voyage to the eastern States, was the relief crew for H.M.S. Penguin.

### IMMIGRATION COMMISSION.

In giving evidence before the Immigration Commission Mr. E. Lesouff, director of the Zoological Gardens, said that the eland and angora goat would thrive in the scrub country of Western Australia.

### A MURDER TRIAL.

### NO MEDICAL EVIDENCE.

In the course of his review of the case in which two Malays were charged with the wilful murder of a Japanese on the pearling schooner Redbill, of Onslow, Mr. Justice Burnside from the Criminal Court bench yesterday expressed surprise that no medical evidence was forthcoming as to the effect of wounds on the murdered man. The Crown Solicitor said that no medical evidence was available, and that he had to submit the case as it came to him. Later on the jury added to its verdict a rider expressing the opinion that the fact that there was no medical evidence brought before the Court was a standing disgrace to the administration of justice in the State. His Honor remarked that he would not say he did not entirely agree with the jury, but he hoped such occasions would not occur again. *If it* had been the case of one white man stabbing another they would never have heard the last of it in that court. The working of justice in these outplaces wanted looking after, and if it was not soon looked after he should have something to say that some of those concerned would not like.

KALGOORLIE, Thursday.

John Colvert Hewson, ex-town clerk at Malcolm, was charged at the Circuit Court to-day with having stolen £57, the property of the municipality. The shortage was admitted by the accused, but he set up a defence that the municipality owed him £240 wages and commission, etc. The jury brought in a verdict of guilty, with a recommendation to mercy. Prisoner was remanded for sentence.

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# RUSSIA.

### SOLDIERS CONSPIRE.

### AGAINST ACTIVE SERVICE.

LONDON, March 16.

Five soldiers, who were leaders in a military conspiracy in Russia to avoid going to the front in Manchuria, have been executed in the Government of Grodno. Four others were sentenced to imprisonment for life, and eight were sentenced to imprisonment for 20 years.

### ST. PETERSBURG HORROR.

The man who was blown to atoms by the explosion at the Hotel Bristol, St. Petersburg, and who had a passport which bore the name of "M'Cullough," and was described as a Briton, proves to have been named Naumann. He was a native of South-west Russia, and a member of the Terrorist section of the Nihilists.

### EXPLOSION AT MOSCOW.

A violent explosion occurred in Theatre-square, Moscow, yesterday. Several persons were arrested, one being injured.

### EXODUS FROM BAKU.

Thousands of persons, fearing that there will be a massacre, are leaving Baku daily.

## THE TRANSVAAL.

### SPEECH BY LORD MILNER.

### CONTRIBUTION TO THE WAR.

LONDON, March 16.

Lord Milner, the Governor of the Transvaal, speaking at Germiston, admitted that there were strong reasons for a constitutional change in the Transvaal. The finances were in absolute order, and he left the colony without a vestige of anxiety relative to the Transvaal's ability to pay her way.

No colonial statesman, Lord Milner said, could possibly ignore the Transvaal's obligation to contribute to the war burden of the motherland.

Recently there has been an agitation among some of the Rand magnates to recall the promise of paying £30,000,000 towards the expenses of the war in South Africa, the argument being that the money is wanted for the development of the country, and that Great Britain would gain far more than the amount of the war contribution by the increased prosperity which would follow in the colony on full development taking place.

## THE UNITED STATES.

### DOMINICAN TREATY REJECTED.

### "MONROE DOCTRINE ABANDONED."

LONDON, March 16.

The Senate of the United States has virtually laid aside the treaty negotiated with San Domingo, adjusting the debts of that Republic and controlling the Customs.

When informed of the fate of the treaty President Roosevelt remarked: "It is an abandonment of the Monroe doctrine."

Though termed a treaty, the agreement with San Domingo was originally really a protocol which, requiring as a protocol no sanction by the Senate, was to be followed, it was understood, by immediate action in pursuance of its terms; but the Senate insisted on its submission, and rather than take issue with the Senate on a doubtful constitutional point, President Roosevelt had a new agreement drafted, and embodied in a formal treaty. American officers were to take charge of the Customs, not at San Domingo city, but at Puerto Plata and four other towns. An important omission was the clause providing for a guarantee of the integrity of San Domingo. Instead of this was an agreement that the United States would respect Dominican territory. Leading senators considered that the integrity of the island republic was sufficiently guaranteed by the Monroe doctrine.

### MR. JOHN HAY.

Mr. John Hay, the United States Secretary of State, is suffering from overwork. He has been ordered to take a month's holiday on the Mediterranean.

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION IN CANADA.

### THE BILL MODIFIED.

LONDON, March 16.

Owing to the strong feeling in the country, Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Prime Minister of Canada, has consented to modify the education clauses in the North-west Provinces Autonomy Bill providing for separate schools for Roman Catholics.

The clause in the North-west Provinces Autonomy Act before modification led to the resignation of three Ministers of the Canadian Cabinet, they contending that the British North America Act reserved the subject of education to the jurisdiction of the provinces and that the compromise in this matter in the provinces of Ontario and Quebec did not apply to the other provinces. Sir Wilfrid Laurier threatened a dissolution if there were further resignations.

## ARCTIC EXPLORATION.

### AN EXPEDITION PERISHES.

LONDON, March 15.

The Polar expedition to New Siberia, under Baron Toll, perished.

Lieutenant Kolchak, the head of an expedition sent in search, found a letter, dated 1903, on Bennett Island, showing that the food of the expedition was exhausted.

Baron Edward Toll, leader of the Polar expedition organised by the St. Petersburg Academy of Sciences, left Bennett Island, 93 miles from New Siberia in a southerly direction, on November 8, 1902. He was accompanied by an astronomer, another companion, and two Yakuts. The papers left by Baron Toll on Bennett Island, and found by Lieutenant Kolchak in February of last year, contained valuable magnetic and geological observations.

## THE WOOL SALES.

LONDON, March 15.

At the wool sales to-day prices were firm at late rates.

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At the wool sales yesterday prices for the clips mentioned were:—Wallawalla, 12½d; Peweens, 10¼d; Urisino, 20½d; Rockwood, 22¼d; Portland, 10½d; Scott, 14¼d; Teviot Dale, 11¾d; Stonyhurst, 10¼d.

## SILVER.

LONDON, March 16.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 2½d per oz standard, a fall of 3-16d since yesterday.

## GENERAL CABLE NEWS.

LONDON, March 14.

Confidential documents relating to submarine torpedo-boats are missing from the French Ministry of Marine.

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King Alfonso XIII. of Spain will visit Paris and London in June next.

## TALLOW SALES.

LONDON, March 15.

At the sales of Australasian tallow to-day 1375 casks were offered, and 825 sold. Prices were:—Mutton, fine 29s 6d, medium 26s; beef, fine 25s 9d, medium 23s 6d per cwt.

# SPECIAL CABLES.

(FROM THE "HERALD'S" LONDON CORRESPONDENTS.)

## BRITISH POLITICS.

### THE GENERAL ELECTION.

### FORECAST BY MR. CHAMBERLAIN.

LONDON, March 16.

Mr. Joseph Chamberlain, in a letter to his constituents of West Birmingham a few days ago, wrote: "The time is coming shortly when I shall again ask for your confidence. I venture to hope that Birmingham will lead the way in a great and necessary reform."

### LIBERALS AND OFFICE.

### NO NATIONALIST AID WANTED.

Sir Edward Grey, M.P., speaking at Northallerton yesterday, said that it would be inexpedient for the Liberals to take office unless they obtained a majority independent of the Irish Nationalists.

## BRITISH COMMERCIAL MISSION.

### AN AGENT IN AUSTRALIA.

LONDON, March 16.

The Commercial Intelligence Committee met in the Board of Trade Offices yesterday, and appointed Mr. R. J. Jeffrey to conduct a commercial mission in Australia and New Zealand similiar to the mission sent to South Africa and elsewhere.

## BARQUE KHYBER WRECKED.

### TWENTY-THREE LIVES LOST.

### SURVIVORS' THRILLING EXPERIENCES.

LONDON, March 15.

Hurricanes are being experienced on the coasts of Great Britain.

The barque Khyber is a total wreck on the coast of Cornwall. Only three of those on board were saved, 23 being drowned.

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After sighting The Lizard, the Kyber lost several sails, and became unmanageable. She drifted shorewards, and anchored late on Tuesday 400 yards off Porth Gwarra. Towards morning she began to drift on the rocks. Big seas breaking over her, forced the men to take to the rigging.

The mizzenmast was carried away, drowning five who were *clinging* to it. It was found impossible to launch the coastguards' lifeboat. The barque drifted on to the rocks, and broke up immediately.

Willis, one of the sailors, jumped overboard, and was washed ashore. He was revived after artificial respiration had been resorted to for hours. Two other sailors, Harris and Johnson, gained a rock, and from there were rescued with great difficulty by means of a ladder and rope let down from the cliff above.

The Khyber was reduced to matchwood by the furious seas dashing her against the rocks.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Khyber left Port Phillip for Queenstown on October 27, having loaded 28,770 bags of wheat at Williamstown Railway Pier for the United Kingdom or Continent. She was under the command of Captain H. Rothery, an old trader to Australia, who before leaving expressed his intention of retiring from the sea when the vessel arrived home. The Khyber carried a crew of 26, including captain and officers, two of the crew being Japanese. The captain had been a widower for some years, but remarried about two years ago before leaving the old country.

The Khyber was built in 1880 by W. H. Potter and Son, at Liverpool, and was chartered by J. Bell and Co. Her dimensions were:—Length, 276.6ft; breadth, 40.1ft; depth, 24.2ft.

## PRIVY COUNCIL APPEAL.

### THE MELBOURNE TRAMS.

LONDON, March 16.

In the case of T. Kidney (cab inspector) and the Corporation of Melbourne versus the Melbourne Tramway and Omnibus Company, Limited, defendants being the appellants, the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council has reserved judgment. Counsel for the respondent was not called.

The Tramway Company appeal raised an important issue as to the liability of the company to take out licenses in respect of its cars. Litigation arose by way of an order to review a conviction of the company by the City Court for running a tram car without a license. The company wished mainly to have the question tested as to whether or not they were liable to pay license fees, which amount to about £2000 per annum, their argument being that the Tramways Trust, and not the Tramway Company, were so liable. The question was referred on March 13, 1902, to the Full Court, which, however, would not determine the question in issue, and said that the company was liable under section 22 of the Tramways Act of 1883 as owner of the cars run on tram tracks to obtain a license for each car. To obtain that license they might have to pay a fee, but they were required to have a license. If some other body were liable to pay the money, then the company could take proper proceedings to make them refund the money so paid by the company. The matter was one of doubt, but the only question before the Court was as to whether the company was bound to have a license for each car run. The Court was of opinion that it was, and as the company had run a car plying for the hire of passengers without having a *license for it*, an offence had been committed, and the conviction was therefore good. The order nisi to review was therefore discharged without costs.

# QUEENSLAND.

### SUBSIDISING A STEAMSHIP SERVICE.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Mr. Denham, Minister for Agriculture, stated to-day he was personally willing to support a proposal to subsidise a steamship company to the extent of £20,000 a year for an expeditious fortnightly service from Brisbane to London, carrying butter at a halfpenny freight, and not rejecting other refrigerated produce.

Replying to a question at Clermont last night the State Treasurer said that he would endeavour to get a Betterment Bill and Lands Act Amendment Bill passed during the coming session. Mr. Kerr, leader of the Labour party, in the course of an address at the same meeting urged the necessity for a Compulsory Arbitration Bill, which, he said, the Premier had promised as soon as possible during the coming session.

Permission has been granted by the Executive Council to Mr. R. H. Lawson, principal Electoral Registrar of Queensland, to perform the duties of commissioner for the purpose of the redistributing of Queensland into Commonwealth electoral divisions.

# TASMANIA.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

At the conference of the National Council of Women of Tasmania held to-day Mrs. Henry Dobson presiding, several practical papers were read and discussed. Among those present is Dr. Mary P. Stone.

WET WEATHER often proves the commencement of coughs and colds. The children should eat constantly ARNOTT'S MILK ARROWROOTS.—Advt.

# THE MISSING STEAMER.

### STILL NO TIDINGS OF THE PILBARRA.

### ELEVEN DAYS OVERDUE.

### EIGHTY-ONE LIVES ON BOARD.

### MORE STEAMERS SENT IN SEARCH.

The steamer Pilbarra was yesterday a fortnight out from Noumea, bound to Fiji, on her voyage from Sydney, but still there were no tidings of her. The trip is one that under ordinary circumstances should have been accomplished within four days, and it may, therefore, be said that to-day the missing vessel is 11 days overdue. The position is now regarded in shipping circles as a serious one, although the opinion is generally held that the vessel will eventually be picked up and safely towed into some port.

There are 81 lives on board the Pilbarra, the passengers numbering 34 and the officers and crew 47. Throughout yesterday anxious inquiries continued to be made by relatives and friends at the offices of the agents for the A.U.S.N. Company, Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co., but there was no information for them. It is satisfactory, however, to know that every portion of the Pacific where the Pilbarra is likely to be drifting is being scoured by quite a fleet of vessels in search of the missing steamer, and almost every day further assistance is being sent.

The Fiji Government yesterday despatched the fine new steam yacht Ranadi in quest of the Pilbarra. She sailed from the port of Suva, and will steer a zigzag course in the hope of sighting the disabled vessel. A cablegram was also received yesterday from Noumea notifying that the French naval authorities had, in response to the wish of the Consul-General for France in Sydney, despatched the French warship Meurthe to aid in the search for the overdue vessel.

News from the Yaralla, which was sent some days ago in search of the Pilbarra, may now be shortly expected. The Yaralla was sent from Suva, and she is searching to the westward. It is of course quite within the range of possibility that she has already fallen in with the Pilbarra, and may at any moment arrive at some port with the disabled vessel in tow. The master of the Yaralla has an extensive knowledge of the currents in this part of the South Seas, and no one is more capable of calculating the whereabouts of the missing vessel. The Yaralla belongs to the A.U.S.N. Company, and complete instructions were cabled to the captain as to the course to be adopted from the head office of the company at Brisbane.

Other vessels engaged in the search are the steamer Wallsend, which sailed from Sydney on Wednesday for the Gilbert Islands, and will call off the lighthouse at Noumea for further orders; and the steamer Hauroto, which left Sydney on the 8th inst. for Fiji, Tonga, and Samoa. There is also a chance that Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Co.'s Island steamer Induna, now in the New Hebrides, has fallen in with the Pilbarra, on her way from Sydney.

The steamer Brunner, belonging to Messrs. On Chong and Co., arrived at Sydney yesterday from a cruise in the Gilbert Islands, but she brought no tidings. News of the Pilbarra, however, was hardly expected by the Brunner, and the statement that the distressed ship had not been sighted on the route taken did not create surprise.

### COMPLETE LIST OF PASSENGERS.

The following is a complete list of passengers who joined the Pilbarra at Sydney on February 22 last for Fiji, together with the names of the ports to which they were bound:—

Mrs. ERWINS, Lautoka.
Mrs. PATEMAN, Lautoka.
Masters ERWINS (two), Lautoka.
Miss PHILLIPS, Lautoka.
Miss VON WEYER, Suva.
Mr. H. MACKAY, Suva.
Mrs. H. MACKAY, Suva.
Mr. A. S. BUCKNELL, Suva.
Mr. H. JEAN, Suva.
Mr. RORGES, Suva.
Mr. H. HOWIE, Suva.
Mr. F. COOPER, Levuka.
Mr. C. N. BARKER, Levuka.
Mr. ERIC HUNT, Lautoka.
Mr. J. W. HAYES, Lautoka.
Master R. COOPER, Levuka.
Master T. COOPER, Levuka.
Mr. W. WILLIS, Lautoka.
Mr. C. FREEMAN, Lautoka.
Mr. W. H. WYBROW, Lautoka.
Mr. J. DUTHIE, Suva.
Mr. W. H. PRYOR, Lautoka.
Mrs. HAY and three children, Suva.
Mr. J. P. JENSEN, Suva.
Mr. J. CLUTTON, Suva.
Mr. G. MORLEY, Lautoka.

In addition to the 30 abovenamed passengers four others embarked on the Pilbarra at Noumea, namely:—

Mr. WARD.
Mrs. WARD.
Mr. ZAPATERRA.
MOHAMED ALI.

### THE OFFICERS AND CREW.

Appended is a list of the officers and crew of the Pilbarra, together with their ages, places of birth, names of former vessels (in parenthesis), and positions:—

Captain WALTER R. FLEETWOOD, 57, of London (formerly of steamer Rockton), master.

M. CAVANAGH, 38, Liverpool (Aramac), first officer.

W. B. SEWELL, 34, Liverpool (Rockton), second mate.

G. L. SMITH, 23, Wiltshire (Sophocles), third mate.

E. A. HEIGHTON, 42, Cheltenham (Pilbarra), purser.

F. MIDSAN, 38, Sydney (Rockton), carpenter.

A. GUSTAFSON, 38, Sweden (Rockton), boatswain.

Seamen: W. BARNES, 35, Guernsey (Rockton), A.B.; J. JOHNSTON, 36, Belfast (Pilbarra), A.B.; T. WOOD, 39, London (Pilbarra), A.B.; J. WALSH, 41, Dublin (Rockton), A.B.; G. COTTER, 43, London (Kanowna), A.B.; JAMES SODEN, 45, Coventry, A.B.; J. MACDONALD, 44, Inverness (Induna), A.B.; HENRY HILL, 24, Liverpool (Mareeba), A.B.; J. HERD, 18, Brisbane (Rockton), ordinary seaman; E. SUNDE, 55, Heligoland (Kanowna), lamptrimmer.

JAMES ORR, 30, Belfast (Rockton), chief engineer.

R. J. IRON, 34, Dover (Pilbarra), second engineer.

A. FRANCIS, 36, Sunderland (Pilbarra), third engineer.

S. BURNS, 24, Balmain (Pilbarra), fourth engineer.

Firemen: J. CHURRETT, 40, Preston (Pilbarra); A. STEVENSON, 30, Ballarat (Pilbarra); W. CULLEN, 27, Glasgow (Pilbarra); J. SWANEY, 30, Ballarat (Pilbarra); J. ACKERLEY, 31, Tasmania (Rockton); G. STUTSEL, 38, Southampton (Rockton).

Trimmers: P. WOODFORD, 24, London (Westralia); T. SLAY, 36, Spain (Rockton); S. THORP, 24, Sydney (Barcoo); S. MAHONEY, 27, Melbourne (Turakina); W. LINZELL, 28, London (Moira).

E. W. RUDOLPH, 39, Switzerland, chief steward.

Mrs. M. ARMSTRONG, 44, Greenock (Pilbarra), stewardess.

A. EDWARDS, 25, Sydney (Arawatta), second steward.

P. SINCLAIR, 34, Tasmania (Kyarra), forecabin steward.

J. HANRAHAN, 47, Waterford (Pilbarra), chief cook.

J. HOLDEN, 41, London (Kakapo), second cook.

B. NETTLESHIP, 40, London (Rockton), pantryman.

O. KASS, 31, Germany (Warrego), butcher.

R. B. SINCLAIR, 39, Halifax (Rockton), sculleryman.

General servants: F. RAPER, 25, London (Rockton); R. SAVILLE, 24, Dublin (Pilbarra); W. E. BUCKLEE, 27, London (Rockton); N. ARCHIBALD, 17, Sydney (Rockton); J. A. WILKINSON, 23, Sydney (Rockton); J. D. CORTESE, 18, Sydney (first ship).

### CARGO OF THE PILBARRA.

The Pilbarra shipped a large and valuable cargo at Sydney, but discharged portion of it at Noumea. Among the lines taken on board here were:—11 cs beer, 51 steel plates, 20 bgs ground bark, 65 cs metals, 50 bls oakum, 110 bgs rice, 45 bgs red lead, 268 bgs paint, 15 cs matches, 35 cs and 8 pkgs whisky, 12 cs cornflour, 294 csks cement, 95 rls barbed wire, 180 bgs bran, 13 cs ale, 478 sks flour, 355 tins and 15 pkgs biscuits, 15 cs matches, 17 cs ghee, 60 drms oil, 54 iron pots, 96 bdls pots, 10 bxs butter, 100 cs fruit, 65 bgs sugar, 50 bgs nails, 12 cs perfumery, 22 cs sewing machines, 130 sheep, 23 cs milk, 20 cs candles, 20 bgs oats, 25 cs jam, 1009 bgs potatoes, 815 bgs sharps, 36 cs and 7 pgks wine, 1000 bricks, 20 bxs soap, 31 bgs onions, 31 bgs pollard, 70 boiler tubes, 66 blocks asphalt, 100 kgs beef, 16 rls wire matting, 100 slabs zinc, and a large quantity of sundries.

### HEAVY WEATHER CONDITIONS.

### THE FIONA ENCOUNTERS GALES.

Captain G. Barnes, the master of the Colonial Sugar Refining Company's steamer Fiona, which returned to Sydney late last night from a visit to Fiji, via Clarence River, reports that he left Lautoka on the 4th inst with a light, variable wind, which freshened into a strong easterly breeze at sunset, with a high, confused sea. On the morning of 5th inst a *strong easterly* gale was encountered, with hard squalls, heavy rains, and high seas. These conditions prevailed as far as Hunter Island. Then fresh to moderate south-east winds were experienced to the meridian of Middleton Reef, and light easterly winds and fine weather from thence to arrival at the Clarence on the 11th inst.

# THE MAILS TROUBLE.

### GROWING DISSATISFACTION IN ENGLAND.

LONDON, March 15.

The "Daily Chronicle" publishes a series of complaints by business men, which show that the dissatisfaction with the fortnightly mail service to Australia is growing in intensity.

## ORIENT COMPANY AGAIN.

### FRESH NEGOTIATIONS.

### A COMPROMISE POSSIBLE.

It is understood that the Orient Company and the Commonwealth Government are again in negotiation for a fortnightly English mail service. How far the negotiations have advanced has not been divulged.

Sir William M'Millan, accompanied by Mr. Kenneth Anderson, the deputy chairman of the Orient Company, and Mr. David Anderson, the manager for the line in Australia, had an interview with the Prime Minister late yesterday afternoon. There is no doubt that the *mail difficulty* was *the* question under consideration, and it is believed that something in the nature of a compromise was suggested. Probably, however, no definite offer was made on either side.

There will be general satisfaction that the company and the Ministry are again discussing business. A few days ago it appeared that a settlement between them was extremely improbable. And it was becoming more and more apparent that beyond the Orient line the Government was stranded for a promising offer. The difference between the company and the Cabinet is now £40,000, an amount which should allow a considerable field for compromise. The Postmaster-General has been since Wednesday night out of town, but his absence will not be an extended one.

Should a definite amended offer be made by the Orient Company, there will probably be an early meeting of the Cabinet to consider it.

## THE OMRAH'S MAILS.

PERTH, Thursday.

Mails brought by the s.s. Omrah from London to-day consisted of 25 bags of letters and papers, and 70 packages of parcels post. Of these, all but two bags and ten packages were for the eastern States.

## CARRIAGE OF STATE CORRESPONDENCE.

### LETTER FROM LORD JERSEY.

Lord Jersey, Acting Agent-General, writing to the Premier on February 6, relative to the hitch in arranging a continuance of the mail contract with the Orient Company, states:—

"In view of the issue from the General Post Office here of a notice as to the discontinuance at the end of last month of the Australian contract steamship service, carried on by the Orient Company between Naples and Adelaide, I have the honour to state that I considered it advisable to address an inquiry to the department, as to whether on those occasions on which a fortnight would otherwise elapse between the despatch of mails from London to Australia, it would be possible for arrangements to be made for this department's (Agent-General) letters to New South Wales to be placed on board the Orient Company's steamer at Naples as 'ship letters.'

"I now enclose for your opinion a copy of the reply which I have received from the General Post Office stating that the Postmaster-General is not empowered to require the commanders of the Orient Company's steamers to receive correspondence for Australia at foreign ports, and has not been able to arrange for embarking mails for Australia on those steamers at Naples."

### TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Judging from the feeling evinced at the public meeting held last night, this question has reached an acute stage, and requires immediate settlement, and with your permission I would like to offer one or two practical suggestions.

It would appear that Mr. Reid's predecessor in office has, to some extent, tied his hands in this matter; at the same time, it is necessary for the present Federal Government to now undertake the *responsibility* and act quickly, so that the great producing and commercial interests of Australia may be safeguarded. I would therefore suggest that the representatives of the Orient-Pacific Company again approach the head of the Federal Government and thoroughly discuss the situation in a compromising spirit.

The Federal Government say that they consider £100,000 per annum a fair amount of subsidy to pay, but it is to be hoped that Mr. Reid will consider the disastrous effect that this decision is having on the trade and industries of the Commonwealth. On the other hand, the Orient-Pacific Company say that they require a subsidy of not less than £140,000 per annum, and I think that they also should bend their backs and meet the Federal Government in a spirit of compromise by splitting the difference at issue, which is not an unusual course to take in the settlement of a question of importance, and if effected I feel confident will have the support of the great bulk of the people of the Commonwealth. It would be an honourable procedure and would terminate the present annoyance and loss to trade generally.

There is, no doubt, a great deal of sympathy shown for the Orient-Pacific Company in connection with the present deadlock, and I think rightly so, as when I read some letters appearing in the press and hear remarks made complaining about mail matter being forwarded by a foreign steamer, placing us in the position of mendicants, I can come to no other conclusion than that there is a lot of humbugging going on, inasmuch as some of those who are loudest in their complaints travel themselves under a foreign flag when visiting the old land.

The Orient-Pacific Company has done a great deal in days gone by to facilitate trade with Australia, and when our leading merchants, also public men and high officials of the country, some of whose passages are paid by the taxpayers, are going to the old land, I think it is only right that they should travel with the flag which we are all so proud of; in fact, I say the motto from this forward for all Britons in Australia should be "travel and trade with the flag," as by doing this the resources of the Empire will be strengthened, and with a larger passenger list on our mail steamers there is every likelihood of our mails being carried at lower rates.

It is to be hoped that nothing will arise to upset Mr. Reid in the great and arduous task he has undertaken to fight socialism. On Monday night last he crossed the Rubicon, and burnt the bridge behind him, therefore there is no retracing his steps now, and it becomes the duty of every thoughtful citizen to rally round him, because socialism, in my opinion, means Republicanism. I am fully convinced that the aim of these levellers of society is to "cut the painter," and heaven forbid that they should be successful, as it would be a sorry day for Australia and Australian interests. I am, etc.,

Randwick, March 16. DAVID STOREY.

## PROHIBITED IMMIGRANTS.

### CAPTAIN OF A VESSEL FINED.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

At the North Brisbane Summons Court this morning the Collector of Customs proceeded against John Charles Tice, master of the ship Itria, on a charge of unlawfully allowing Geofran Abas Khan and Musalunder to enter the Commonwealth when the ship arrived at Brisbane, such persons being prohibited immigrants. The defendant was fined £10 in respect of each of the men, with costs amounting to £2 4s 6d

# IN THE NORTH.

### SCOPE FOR CLOSER SETTLEMENT.

### ACHIEVEMENT AND POSSIBILITY.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

GLEN INNES, Thursday.

The skilful settler on the northern rivers holds the key to competency and small fortune in his hand, but excellently situated as he may be, he has a guardian brother on the northern tableland who sheds no tears of envy. In the mighty sweep of the mountain tops there is rich gold for the digging—the gold of crops and pastures, a better wealth than the metals, which there also lie in the lower strata, for it brings riches not alone to the actual *gatherer*, but *to* his compatriot in the distance and to his country, and it brings health and frankness of life, untainted by any sordid degradation or squalid misery which time has associated with the race for gold. The air they breathe on the higher tableland is inspiring the people who grow there the cattle and the sheep, the trees, the crops, and the herbage—they all are the gifts of that same nature that made the Vikings of old—they speak the same conditions of environment that have made the strong men of Great Britain. In years to come, and probably in not many years, these tablelands will nurture many a score of townships and villages yet unthought of, but surely to be built up to meet the inrush of tourists alone, for they are fitted to be an Australian sanatorium and a garden of loveliness. The sombre verdure, which is the chief visible characteristic of Australia, dare not scale the gently sloping sides of the great dividing range, for to their hospitable surface nothing that does not glow with health and smile brightly in happiness may find entertainment. Bronze greens give way to happier hues, and fat cattle and sheep browse, and corn and barley and wheat give abundantly of their grain. Yet it is all a vast territory whose exploration is for the future. Just as the ardent gold-seeker says that the hills have been but pot-holed, so it is manifestly true that the fertile lands have been but scratched. *It is* amazing to hear men in various parts of the country, and others abroad, declaring against New South Wales as at the worst a drought-ridden land; at the best a mere sheep-walk, with most limited potentialities for anything great in development beyond that. They are speaking in the dark. What do these tablelanders fear of the drought? It would be cruel, and it certainly would be exaggeration, for they are a large hearted race, to say they welcome it, but the fact is, nevertheless, they profited by the last big drought, for their fields smiled while others pined away.

This wonderful *country* stretches from the head of the Manning River, on the south, to the Queensland border on the north, a stretch of about 240 miles, with an average width of, approximately, 80 miles. But the great high tableland rests its southern extremity on the Moonbi Range, at the foot of which Tamworth is perched. On the lesser highlands, it is abundantly watered with rainfall, water-courses, and sub-surface deposits. Its climate is unquestionable; its fertility is marvellous, and here is country such as this with but a handful of people, where millions could be happily placed, and made more than passing rich. By the open *secret* of simple methods the land has been proved. There is no hazard in it, nor is there mystery in the fact that so few people are living here. Most of the desirable land is held in vast estates. That solves whatever mystery there might be, while the quality of the land is proved every day in the small holdings here and there punctuating the whole table surface. The unwholesome situation in Quirindi typically attests the reason of the paucity of population, for there the town and district are squeezed in by a circle of big estates, while as to the proposition of fertility, the case of Glen Innes proclaims its truth. It would never do to audibly call Glen Innes the loveliest village of the plains, because there are Tamworth, Armidale, Inverell, even far Barraba, and a score of others, mostly proud of their beauty and their resources, but Glen Innes tells the tale of what can be done on our tablelands if opportunity be a present factor.

This flourishing, daily improving centre boasts a municipal population of 3000, or a district population of 7000, and over a wide radius almost every acre is under cultivation. The prolificness of the soil was magnificently demonstrated at the show, where the local district exhibit beat, though by only half a point, the best that the Queensland Government could put forward. The chief products are potatoes, maize, oats, hay, including wheaten hay, and tuber crops and wine growths, but barley is rapidly becoming a source of wealth, and the efforts at wheat growing already made give the unmistakable promise of golden harvests of that cereal. As a matter of fact, the people have done so well by accepting the gifts the gods so palpably gave them that they have not dipped deep into Nature's storehouse, and they really do not know what vast and varied *treasures* are waiting for them. A year or so ago the Government established an experimental farm, and valuable discoveries have been made upon it. But to return to the local geography and topography. The district reaches from Guyra on the south to Dundee on the north, and Emmaville on the north-west. Emmaville is largely given over to mining for tin, wolfram, silver, lead, and zinc. Webb's silver mine is seven miles out. The local people have been told £40,000 is to be put down to resume its working. The eastern boundary is 50 miles away on the Grafton-road. Beyond the slopes much *of the eastern stretch is* known as White's holding. It is mineral country, but is turned to use in depasturing sheep. Generally speaking, it is pastoral country, though interspersed are rich patches of agricultural land. The country for a dozen miles to the north of the town is granite, where sheep roll in fleece and fat; to the south, for fully 75 miles right beyond Ben Lomond, the highest altitude of the State railway system, there are magnificent stretches of good agricultural country, while beyong that again fine pastures roll for sheep. Practically the whole tract immediately west is agricultural, and *as far as Inverell it should be* a paradise for closer settlement. But there comes in the old ogre, the big holding in fee simple. Waterloo station has some 16,000 acres, King's Plains 28,000 acres, and then comes Newstead North and Newstead South, two stations than which for agriculture it would be difficult to find superior in the State. Newstead North was sold not long ago by Mr. Duncan Anderson, the fortunate buyer being Mr. Buckland. There are 28,000 acres, and together with the stock, mainly 22,000 sheep, it changed hands for £80,000. Newstead South is owned by Mr. John Anderson, the two brothers having divided the original holding. Beyond these comes the vast Inverell station, the property of the Campbell Brothers, almost every acre of which is rich agricultural land. Therefore, the country for 30 miles west of Glen Innes *is held in a few hands*, the number of small settlers dotted about being infinitesimal.

To the east as far as White's holding the prospect is more reassuring to the advocate of closer settlement, for one big centre, called Red Range, has every acre under agriculture. It was taken up from the Crown, and there are over 200 families prospering in that one centre. Potatoes, oats, and corn, with a big proportion of dairy farming, is opening up in that direction the road to comparative wealth. The dairy farmers send their cream to the Co-operative factory at Glen Innes. Immediately to the south of the town lies Stonehenge, a rich, closely-settled *farming* centre. A year ago the land was taken up from the Crown, and all the farmers have long since secured their *freeholds*. During the last four years a few homestead selections have been taken up, but to-day not an inch of land is to be had except by direct purchase on good terms to the present holder. Then south of Stonehenge is Glencoe, carrying a well-to-do, closely-settled farming population thereabouts, and there are still some Crown lands available. South again is Ben Lomond station. It was bought during the drought by Mr. Taylor, of Dobbokin, Narrabri, that he might remove his stock thither. To-day the farmers ask for its resumption by the Crown, for although they, being present landholders, could not take up any of it, others could, who would expand the local farming industry. It is desirable country for mixed farming, and it is said that the Government could buy the whole 20,000 acres at a reasonable price. But, by Government resumption or not, there is little doubt that the territory must, ere long, be put under agricultural operations. Immediately to the north of Glen Innes, a very prosperous centre, is Reddestone, adjoining the Clarevaulx Estate, of about 10,000 acres. There is not a poor farmer thereabouts. It will now be seen how splendidly the Glen Innes district is situated, and there need be no marvel that at show time all the people are well dressed. Blithe in nature and magnificent in stature are the men and the women. The children are great limbed, and, metaphorically speaking, bulge out of their clothing. And the immediate precincts of the town are worthy of the race that the district grows. It can expand only in one way, namely, by the progressive subdivision of existing holdings. The settlement of the near radius is sound. The old Furracabad estate stretches from the north round by the west to the south, covering something under 20,000 acres of the property of Duncan M'Rae. The Haymarket Company bought it from him, and subdivided it into holdings, which now average from 120 to 130 acres at a rough calculation. Some farms are larger, but others go as low as 60 acres. It is now all under some form of tenure, and is densely settled. It was 16 years ago when the first subdivision was made, and was submitted at auction by Mr. J. N. Brunker, once Chief Secretary. Probably the upset price was too high, or perhaps the grand possibilities of the soil read like fiction. Only a few areas were sold, but not one of those original buyers, many of whom came from the Hunter, has moved off the holding since. Some tempting offers have been made, and every available plot has since been taken up and as tightly held by a thriving population. In the whole district there are not more than 20,000 acres under wheat, but as it is a fact that the yield averages from 20 to 21 bushels, the wheat day for Glen Innes district must come. It certainly is not a lucerne country, because of the long winters, but the slopes and lower plains make up for all that.

## TWO CLOSER SETTLEMENT PROPOSALS.

### PEEL RIVER AND COLLEY CREEK ESTATES.

Ministers are convinced that in these tablelands there will be the finest prospects for the success of the application of the closer settlement principle recently endorsed by Parliament. Indeed, Mr. Ashton has openly declared that if success is not to be obtained there he knows no other portion of the State where it might be looked for. That there must be abundant truth in the general dogma is forced in upon the observer who has had a fair opportunity of seeing the country in its natural state, in its improvements up to the stage of pastoral holdings, and in its cultivation at the hands of agriculturists. If, however, the Minister for Lands means that in no other part of the State can closer settlement be as good for the community as it can be if carried out here, few indeed would agree with him. But that was obviously not his meaning, which was, on the contrary, that in most respects there were here the main recommendations that were to be discovered elsewhere, while superadded there were here also other and distinct advantages, not the least of which was the facility with which mixed farming could be conducted. There is no conceivable reason why the 284,800 acres of the Peel River Estate, on which there now live under a score of men, should not be a thriving territory carrying a fine wealth producing population. In its present state it is a cruelly pointed commentary on the failure of all our land legislation to develop the country. Indeed it is a direct testimony to the efficacy of those laws in shutting men off the land. What has been done at Glen Innes in the way of settling population and drawing riches from our "national heritage" can be done at Peel River, just as it can be done in a lesser measure at Colley Creek, and in a varied extent on a host of other tableland tracts. If it were accomplished, it must mean a vast increase of revenue, and a payable railway system. Not only are there large numbers of men already waiting to take up land, but if the prospects were only told in the other States and abroad, men would stream in from over the borders and from oversea. In Tamworth the State has a settlement which any country might envy, but it is literally incomparable with what it could be if allowed to work out its destiny free from legislative fetters, and guided only by nature's liberal laws. It is flying in the face of natural conditions to allow such an insuperable obstacle to stand right across the path of the district's progress, and Government resumption or not, the estate must be thrown open before long. With that statement before us, it may be said that the Closer Settlement Act is exercising what might be termed moral suasion. It is rapidly warming up the demand for unlocking estates to white heat, and many holders recognise that the handwriting is on the wall, so it is a two-edged tool. It can command and cajole, and both edges forward the object in view.

This great estate reaches 12 miles south-west of Tamworth and five miles south-west of Nundle, and it is 32 miles long from the south-western to the south-eastern corner. Its lateral measurement ranges from 16 to 24 miles, and it has a frontage to the Peel River of 60 miles. From the mountain peak to the valley bottom it is rich in soil and thick in succulent natural grasses and the glories,—its watercourse flats, and its vast plain reaches—would be difficult to picture on paper. On the one side picture deep chocolate soil under the plough, and all ready for wheat, or rich in corn crops, or rolling from the deep green of the young lucerne crops, which simply revel in an unrestricted orgy of growth, to the lovely heliotrope of similar crops in seed; and on the other contemplate the almost primeval forest depasturing sheep, or again take the latter picture and compare it with the dairy cattle rolling in fat and udders stretched with milk, or the trim haystacks eaten under by unwatched horses and cattle. The locked-up potentialities are saddening. This estate was originally part of the grant to the A. A. Company, but the Peel River Company being formed largely of shareholders in the A.A. Company, they bought out 313,298 acres. The company has laid out West Tamworth, and has made four comparatively trifling subdivisions, the total area thus dealt with since 1896 being 26,300 acres, a very tidy parcel, though it be comparatively trifling. The last subdivision involved 7200 acres fronting the main road from Tamworth, and without river frontage it averaged £12 10s per acre, the terms being cash in fifteen years, the current balance carrying 5 per cent. interest. Excellent creeks mark the estate with their silver streaks, but apart from them and the river the rainfall would be enough for ordinary cultivation. This is not an instance of men standing off available land merely because they want a piece of a certain estate, and will take no other. All encircling lands were long since alienated. It is true that many of the small holders on the western and southern side have been unable to resist the tempting offer of the owners of Bective station, which has thus increased its area, but such doings could not occur under the Closer Settlement Act. The larger portion of the available estate would be laid down in agriculture, and the smaller portion would be put to pastoral use. None of the agricultural land is of low quality, while as instancing the best farms in the subdivision it may be stated that one man bought 65 acres at £35 an acre just before the drought. Before he borrowed the money to buy, and before the drought was over, his farm had carried him out of debt. Fair-sized paddocks laid down in lucerne have given, with their two crops of seed and four of fodder, £20 a acre. The obverse side of the case is that a good deal of the pastoral land is not of the best. Yet in 1902 it carried 156,000 sheep, and it has carried 236,000. The rainfall average for 30 years at the Tamworth end was from 18 to 35 points, and for 17 years at the Nundle end 27 points. Taking the estate all through, a rough local estimate of what it would cost the Government is £3 5s per acre.

The resumption of Colley Creek Estate at Quirindi is a smaller project altogether, the whole area being, roughly, 42,000 acres. But if it is small as regards area, the proposal is of large moment to the Quirindi district, which is locked in on every side by private estates. It was after a contemplation of the position here that the Premier spoke of the reasonableness of embodying in the Local Government Act a power to municipal bodies to resume lands for the purpose of expanding the municipal limits. Probably the idea was prompted by chagrin at the striking demonstration of a town strangled by the aggregation of private lands; but the scheme would seem to spring more from the heart than from the head. However, that aspect of the question apart, there is only some 22,000 acres of this estate suitable for agriculture, and, taken on an average, it has not the possibilities of a similar acreage at Peel River. Yet there are huge tracts of magnificent flat country now waving high in long plain grass. The three Boer delegates were taken through this estate, and looking on to the flats they said, "This is the hay market of Australia." Similar land bordering this valley is giving great corn crops. There are charming slopes of available wealth, and here again the heart grieves that so much solid national asset is lying unused. The great Northern railway pierces the estate, and at every point of its access to communication with markets is easy and cheap. The altitude is 1279ft, and the average rainfall of the district is 28.63in. Officially described, there are 23,000 acres lying to the west of the railway line, practically all of which is well adapted for agriculture and mixed farming. The portion to the east of the line is very hilly and steep, and is chiefly grazing country capable of carrying a sheep to one and a quarter to one and a half acre. The proposal to resume is by no means a wild-cat scheme, but comparatively speaking it has less a national than a local aspect. That does not imply that the estate should not be resumed, but that if its resumption would prejudice the Peel River scheme it can afford to wait its turn in the natural order of resumption.

## PASTORALISTS AND SHEARERS.

### CONFERENCE IN MELBOURNE.

### AN ADVANCE ASKED FOR.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

A conference opened to-day between representatives of the pastoralists and shearers with regard to the conditions of labour, and the rates of wages paid by the Pastoralists' Association of Victoria and Southern Riverina. The pastoralists were represented by Mr. J. G. Ritchie (chairman), Messrs. H. M. Ross, W. Moffatt, and R. B. Ritchie, M.L.C., and the Australian Workers' Union by Messrs. Spence M.P., F. W. Lundie, E. Grayndler, and the secretary, Mr. D. M'Donnell. The concessions sought by the Australian Workers' Union were the fixing of shearing rates at 16s a hundred if shearers were "found," or 18s 6d if not "found;" the fixing of the wages of shed hands, wool-rollers, piece pickers, penners-up, and branders at 25s weekly; the fixing of pressers' wages at 5d per cwt, or 1s 3d per bale if the pressers were "found;" and the cessation of work at noon on Saturdays. The pastoralists' proposals embodied a reintroduction of the daily wage system for shed hands, with a mutual option to employer and employee; the establishment of a weekly wage to shed hands who kept themselves; and the amendment of rule 15 of the shearing agreement so as to make it directly mandatory for shearers to work until 4 o'clock on Saturday afternoon when 48 hours had not been worked during the week.

Mr. M'Donnell said the increase was asked for because the men were of opinion that shearing was not sufficiently well paid. It was desired to come to such an arrangement as would enable the men to earn fair wages. The industry could stand the payment of a higher rate. In 1891, when the pastoralists voluntarily agreed to give 15s a hundred, the price for good average merino wool in Victoria was 9d a lb, whereas in 1903 it was 1s a lb. In 1891 sheep were carrying less wool and were less difficult to shear. Now when the shearers worked harder and pastoralists were receiving 25 per cent. more for wool, the men were still asked to work at the same rate of payment, without any advantages accruing to compensate for the vast difference in work. As far as the half-holiday on Saturday was concerned, Victoria was now the only State which did not grant it.

Mr. Spence, referring to the Saturday half-holiday, said that the shearers in other States to some extent found fault with those in Victoria for the concession they had made in working on the afternoon of Saturday. The half-holiday was practically regarded as sacred. What had been intended by the union was to give their men the option, in exceptional cases, as when broken time had been worked during the week, of saying whether they should work on Saturday afternoon when requested by the employers. There was an impression on the part of pastoralists that if the concessions were granted, the men next year would ask for more. If mutually desired, there would be no objection to arriving at an agreement for a given term.

Mr. R. B. Ritchie said that in none of the statements made by the representatives of the union did he see any alteration upon those made in previous years. The request for an extra 1s a hundred for shearing had brought forward no new arguments which would induce it being granted. The question was simply, what was a fair bush wage? If the employers of shearers could prove, as they had successfully done, that the shearers were paid more than any other class of bush worker, it could not be said that the shearers were underpaid. The labour was no harder than other classes of bush labour. In many cases it was less skilled. The employers were not afraid of the Arbitration Court. They could show that for the last 30 years certain rates had been paid, and that for the last 15 years a price mutually agreed upon between pastoralists and shearers had been maintained. What Judge in the land would overrule such evidence? The Arbitration Court could not be held up as a bogey, and it was time enough to shake hands with the devil when one met him.

Mr. MacDonnell: That is sound philosophy.

Mr. Ritchie: Shearing, taking the employment of the machine into account, was easier than in 1891. The price asked for pressing was practically now obtained in the western district. The Saturday half-holiday understanding was that the men should work at least 48 hours weekly. It had always been the custom in the western district to work until 4 o'clock on Saturday.

## BUSH FIRES RELIEF.

### LORD MAYOR'S FUND.

Contributions to the fund to date are as under:—

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| Amount previously acknowledged ....... | £9628 17 10 |
| Military Ordnance Department ........... | 2 18 0 |
| Military Forces, Middle Harbour ........ | 0 12 0 |
| Total .............................. | £9631 7 10 |

A meeting of the committee of the Lord Mayor's fund for the relief of sufferers from the bush fires was held at the Town Hall yesterday. Mr. T. A. Dibbs presided, and there were present Messrs. F. Grimley, A. W. Gilles, G. E. Fairfax, E. L. Davis, F. Randle, the Rev. J. E. Carruthers, M. Gotthelf, G. E. Brodie, O'Malley Wood, W. J. Donnelly, and H. C. Brierley (hon. secretary). A letter was received from the Premier in reply to the committee's request that he should receive a deputation, which would place before him particulars of the fund. The Premier indicated that he could not fix a time for receiving the deputation, and suggested that the committee should place before him in writing its representations, a course which he thought would preclude any uncertainty arising as to their proposals.

The letter was fully discussed, and the position of the Public Disasters Fund referred to. There were three members of the committee controlling this fund present, and it was explained that the fund had to provide for many widows and children and was accumulated for specific objects. Regret was expressed that the Premier would not receive the deputation. It was suggested that the committee should allocate the balance of the relief fund in hand before again approaching the Premier. The final proposal, which was carried, was that the case should be fully stated to the Premier and a request be made for the balance promised by the Government, viz., about £1625.

The hon. secretary stated that the balance in hand was £247, and the committee then considered several cases, ultimately apportioning the following amounts:—A Cooma case, £20; a Cessnock case, £10; a Ganmain case for the purchase of seed wheat, £20; a Grenfell case, £40; two Gunnedah cases, £50 and £30; an Inverell case in which an old man of 73 was the applicant, £30; a Megalong case, £20, and a Trundle case, £10. These practically exhausted the fund, and further requests for help were held over until more money was received.

## THE VICTORIAN YEAR BOOK.

The Victorian Government Statist forwards the first part of the Victorian Year Book for 1904. This contains introductory remarks and notes of Constitution and government. There is included in this a deal of history, which would, perhaps, have been more valuable if more space could have been devoted to it. For instance, it is misleading to say of the Federal Council of Australasia—an admittedly futile organisation—that "the labours of this body led up to and culminated in the establishment of the Commonwealth of Australia." And surely it is rubbish to say that "after the establishment of the Federal Government it became abundantly evident that the representation of the States in the States' Houses was excessive, and steps were taken to reform the States' constitutions;" and that "accordingly an Act was passed in Victoria to provide for the reform of the Constitution." The Victorian Government Statist cannot see the Commonwealth for Victoria, and he mixes up big forest and little tree in delightful confusion. The Year Book contains much valuable information, however.

## AMUSEMENTS.

### MISS JEANIE MACNEE'S RECITAL.

A pianoforte recital was given in the Balmain Town Hall on Wednesday night by Miss Jeanie Macnee and pupils. There was a good audience, and Mr. J. S. Hawthorne presided. The pupils recognised their teacher's efforts by presenting her with an illuminated address and a lady's companion.

The capital expenditure of the London County Council during its life of 15 years has been £23,780,355, of which only some ing the Reichstag has voted £120,000 to settlers in German South-west Africa.

## TARIFF COMMISSION.

### STARCHES AND PELTS AND JAMS.

### AN ANNOYED WITNESS.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.))

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

James Cuming continued his evidence to-day before the Tariff Commission, making reference to the item phosphate manures, which are on the free list. He said he approved of the Canadian scheme to prevent dumping.

Mr. Wamsley: In other words, you don't mind one State dumping in another State, but you object to some other country dumping in Australia?

Witness: If the other State objects it has its remedy.

You know that any legislation of that character must be Federal. A State cannot protect itself.

Witness: That is so.

In answer to further questions, witness said that if prices remained as they were now, and there was no diminution in the output, his firm would not require any protection, but if importers increased their imports and the Mount Lyell Company started manufacturing, it meant that others would have a smaller output, and a diminished output meant a relative increase in cost. The Mount Lyell Company was putting up a large plant for the manufacture of superphosphates.

John Cockbill, bonedust manufacturer, said his business was affected by superphosphate and bonedust coming into the country free. He had to compete against the cheap labour of India, where men worked seven days a week for 8 or 10 rupees per month. The Indian article was being dumped into Australia. Witness objected to show his books so that the commission might see how his business fared.

The commission passed to the consideration of the items spices and starch.

Frederick Albert Lewis, of Messrs. Lewis and Whitty, said that spices were largely used in the manufacture of curry, and under the Victorian tariff they were free. He suggested that the Federal tariff should be altered so that they might be again free. His firm also manufactured starch on an extensive scale. There were three other starch manufacturers in Victoria, and one in New South Wales. He suggested that the import duty on starch of 2d per lb might remain, but that the excise duty of 1d per lb might be abolished. There was room for expansion in the starch-making industry, but the excise duty blocked it.

The Chairman: Supposing your request is not granted, what then?

Witness: We shall have to worry along. We have about £20,000 sunk in the business. We employ about 30 adults, and turn out from 33 to 34 tons per week. We are sometimes idle, however, because of opposition.

Continuing, witness said that 180,736lb of starch was imported into Victoria in 1900, and in 1903 the imports had increased to 216,072lb. The importations had largely increased under the Federal tariff. Australian starch was equal to any in the world, and was sold more cheaply than the imported article.

Senator Playford: If the quality is equal to and the price lower than that of the imported article, how is it that you do not capture the market?

Witness: There is a deeprooted prejudice against the local article.

George Shrimpton, manufacturers' agent, said he represented Colman's starch, and quoted figures regarding the starch trade. He said the Australian industry had not suffered from importation. In 1903 New South Wales increased its output by 1,639,000lb, Queensland by 303,000lb, South Australia by 58,000lb, and Western Australia by 227,000lb. Victoria's output decreased by 669,000lb.

The Chairman: How do you account for the falling-off in Victoria?

Witness: Competition in New South Wales. Foreign importations have fallen off nearly 100 per cent.

Abraham Hoadley, manufacturer, said his firm made between 3000 and 4000 tons of jam, and purchased about 2000 tons of sugar per year. The duty on sugar was £6 per ton, and he suggested that a drawback of £6 per ton should be allowed on all sugar used in the manufacture of jam for export. An undertaking would be given before the drawback was claimed that no sugar on which duty had not been paid should be used.

Witness, in answer to Senator Higgs, said he did not know whether only 1d per dozen was paid in his firm's Brisbane factory for peeling pineapples. He did not know how long it would take him to peel that number of pineapples, as he had never done that work.

Pressed by Senator Higgs to say how long it would take, witness appealed to the chairman whether this matter pertained to the Tariff Commission's inquiry.

The Chairman said it would save time if the question were answered, and then witness said he could not answer it.

In answer to a further question by Senator Higgs, he said he did not know whether the statements appearing in the press as to the wages paid in their Brisbane factory were correct.

Senator Higgs: Don't you think as a prominent member of the Wesleyan conference you ought to take a little more interest in your employees?

The Chairman: I don't think the Wesleyan conference has anything to do with this inquiry.

Senator Higgs (to the chairman): If questions are to be filtered through you they may have to undergo a process of refinement which may put them in a better light. Mr. Hoadley tells me he does not know anything about the wages paid by him in his factory in Brisbane. It is no reflection upon him that he is a member of the Wesleyan conference. It is rather to his credit.

Senator Clemons: Then why do you drag in the Wesleyan conference?

Senator Higgs: Well, since you ask me I think there is a certain amount of hypocrisy in a man attending the Wesleyan conference treating his employees badly.

Witness, hotly: You will have to prove that, Sir.

Senator Higgs: Did your son ever telephone to a firm asking them not to employ your girls because they were on strike?

Witness appealed to the chairman.

The Chairman: Surely you can say yes or no.

Witness: I decline to be further examined or to reply to these side issues.

Senator Higgs: I think if we are going to keep out foreign sweaters we ought to keep out local sweaters as well.

The chairman again invited witness to make any statement he pleased, but he declined to do so.

The commission adjourned.

## NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The Manawatu Railway Company pays a dividend of 4 per cent. for the half-year, making 7 per cent. for the year.

Referring to the rumour that Mr. Seddon intends to take the High Commissionership, the "Lyttelton Times," a Government organ, appeals to the Premier to make a definite announcement which will set the repetition of disquieting speculations at rest, and give the country a better idea of its immediate political future.

AUCKLAND, Thursday.

Summonses have been issued against the Mayor of Auckland and Police Inspector Cullen, charging them with assaulting William Richardson, a well-known temperance lecturer, at a public meeting addressed by the Premier on Tuesday. The Mayor presided at the meeting, and, it is alleged, ejected Richardson, who desired to move a hostile amendment from the platform, Police Inspector Cullen also assisting.

## AN EXCITING ARREST.

### ACCUSED FIGHTS DETECTIVES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

To-day Detectives Bannon and Mercer had an exciting fight arresting Wilson, suspected of complicity in robbing a foreigner by the confidence trick last week. When arrested the detectives found £100 in Wilson's room, and he said "Take the hundred and let me go." They refused, and suddenly attacking Bannon Wilson nearly caused him to faint from a blow on the body. He then flung himself on Mercer, belabouring him with broken furniture. They got the handcuffs on one wrist, and he used them as a weapon. Eventually, considerably cut about, the detectives succeeded in overpowering the man. The victim of the confidence trick, who had been robbed of £172, was persuaded by some men that he had committed forgery, and by their advice went to Sydney, where the police, learning the facts, sent him back.

A proclamation has been issued establishing a special Criminal Court for Swaziland in place of trial by jury owing to lack of competent jurors.

## THE HIGH COURT.

### JUDGES MAKE NO STATEMENT.

(FROM OUR SPECIAL REPORTER.)

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The Chief Justice (Sir Samuel Griffith) was asked to-day whether he would say anything concerning the latest statement of the Attorney-General on the High Court. "We cannot use the Attorney-General's press weapons. We are content to wait patiently for the disclosure of the actual facts," was the reply. Other members of the Court were similarly reticent. The Attorney-General, probably in a moment of warmth, said in Adelaide that the Judges might publish correspondence, but their Honors prefer not to deviate from the line of conduct marked out for them by usage.

It is pointed out that there are several points of difference between the statements made by Sir Josiah Symon on Monday morning and that of yesterday, which indicate that the Minister is not quite as certain to-day as he was at first that he is quite justified in all he has said. It appeared fairly plain from his first statement that he intended to abolish the circuits almost at once, but now it appears that he is not now quite as outspoken, because he proposes to consult Parliament, and, if its opinion is against his, to bow to its decision. There is also, it is pointed out, a difference between his first and second statements on the subject of associates and tipstaffs. However, it is fairly certain that when Parliament meets questions will be asked on the subject, and probably a motion will be submitted for the production of correspondence. If the letters are made public it is stated that there will be several specimens of vigorous English in them.

## THIS TORRENT OF EXPENDITURE.

### FEDERAL ATTORNEY-GENERAL'S REJOINDER.

### TRANSGRESSIONS ON THE SPHERE OF GOVERNMENT.

ADELAIDE, Wednesday.

At a late hour to-night Sir Josiah Symon, the Federal Attorney-General, made the following additional statement with reference to the High Court:—"The hysterical statements of the telegram from Melbourne are a travesty, and really read like the effort of some accomplished lawyer to cloud the issues and mislead the public. The whole thing comes very near a tissue of personal abuse, but it so obviously emanates from some interested person in an irritable humour that I should pass it by without notice but for the fact that it may injure public esteem for the High Court, whose dignity and real strength I desire to uphold. In much less than 15 months, allowing for intervening vacations, the travelling expenses of the High Court amounted to £3294. They may be more, but these are my latest figures. Every shilling of that is due to the action of the Justices of the High Court themselves, contrary, in my humble opinion, which is supported by that of the Chief Justice himself, to the Constitution and to the will of Parliament. In view of the very valuable opinion of the Chief Justice that the investing of State Courts with Federal jurisdiction was to obviate the establishment of circuits, surprise was natural that they should be established, and by the Justices themselves, immediately they assumed office. Please understand I do not censure the Justices, but the course they pursued, mistaken as it was, was burdensome to the taxpayer, and being of that opinion it would be a betrayal of my duty if I did not attempt some reform and secure some relief. I promised the Senate to do so, and I mean to try. Nothing will turn me aside from my effort to lessen the unjust burden. Of course if Parliament desires this expenditure to continue, well and good. The Justices practically claim to be independent not only of the Executive but of Parliament. Well, it will be for Parliament to say whether it wishes to hand over all that unfettered executive and spending power to the Justices, but in the meantime the simple little fact is that I hope to be able to suspend these operations and to stem this torrent of expenditure at least until Parliament may have an opportunity to speak its mind on the subject.

"If Parliament chooses to make the High Court dictator instead of the guardian of the Constitution and dispenser of Federal justice, to give the occupants of its bench the right to make and unmake circuits, to fix sittings in Tasmania during the hot days of February, and in other climes at other convenient times as pleases them, I shall resist parting with my individual share of Parliamentary control in that fashion, but will have to submit. Parliament looks to the Government to supervise expenditure and prevent extravagance, and will hold it responsible. That is the main question. It affects the whole of the comfortable total of £3294 11s 11d, which would be much greater but for the generosity of the States in their arrangements as to courts and officials in the States. It would pay the Commonwealth handsomely to give the Judges an additional £500 a year each and a free hand to travel at their own expense wherever and whenever they please.

"Other questions are subordinate, namely, whether the Justices are to be limited as to the rate of expenditure, and whether they are to reckon travelling allowance from their home, and not from the seat of court. Both these are departmental matters. It is often forgotten that the same rule with respect to travelling allowance which applies to the humblest public servant applies equally to Judges. Each alike must show his just right to be paid.

"It is untrue that I issued an order yesterday to stop expenses. When last in Melbourne I did postpone for further explanation vouchers for the Justices' steamer fares to Melbourne, as I could not understand when their railway fares were already paid by the Commonwealth they should elect to go by the more agreeable route, and charge that also to the Commonwealth. If that is stopping supplies, it is the only stopping I have yet done. It is a misrepresentation to say I do not wish the Justices to visit Western Australia, South Australia, and Tasmania again for a considerable time, and to make Melbourne the headquarters, and only visit Sydney when imperative. It is not true that I insist that the Cabinet must fix circuits, and decide when the Court shall sit. My views are extant in the best English in which I could express them in the correspondence referred to, but the source of the statement to your correspondent has been clouded by perturbed feelings, but the most delicious statement of all is that in the correspondence I have 'urged' that Judges should dispense with the services of associates and tipstaffs.' But that the Judges have not 'expressed their willingness to part with their associates and tipstaffs.' You will scarcely believe it, but that is a pure fabrication. I have never in correspondence or out of it asked or 'urged' the Judges to dispense with these time-honoured officials, sinecures in the High Court, nor, indeed, mentioned the subject to them. I never mentioned it anywhere or to anybody till my interview published yesterday, simply because I looked upon that as a matter upon which definite action is for the Cabinet. Perhaps, the Judges will publish the correspondence to which so much reference is made.

"It is news to me that Sir Samuel Griffith removed from Brisbane to Sydney, 'to reduce the cost of the court.' He did it as he had every right to do for his own convenience, and that of his family.

"I did not suggest that the Justices went to Sydney only occasionally, nor is it true that if I carried my point they 'would all have to bring their families to Melbourne.' Why should they? Is it suggested they would do so in order to draw travelling allowances in Sydney, or that they wish to get travelling expense whilst attending the seat of court in Melbourne? Surely with the advantage of maintaining their home associations in Sydney they need not grudge paying their own hotel bills for a few days in Melbourne. Every member of Parliament except from Victoria has to do so, why not the Judges?

"It is also said the Judges contend they are responsible only to Parliament. That is a startling doctrine. The Judges as such are not responsible to Parliament, but to their own consciences. It is only when they transgress upon the sphere of Government and Parliament that they must answer for it; but, really, time fails me to continue the contradictions. Some other day I will resume."

[This message appeared in the Second Edition yesterday.]

## THE ACACIA WRECK.

HOBART, Thursday.

H.M.S. Cadmus has been despatched to the scene of the wreck of the barque Acacia. Carrier pigeons have been put aboard to bring back speedy messages. The human remains found on the beach will be brought to Hobart for interment.

The young Tsarvitch is probably the richest baby in the world at the present moment. The week he was born, in addition to receiving valuable presents of precious stones and gold articles, the Tsar invested £1,000,000 for his future use.

## VICTORIA.

### FIRE BRIGADE TELEPHONE SERVICES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The interstate conference of fire brigade representatives to-day adopted a resolution to the effect that the telephone fire service should be supplied free, as a set-off against the fact that Commonwealth buildings to the value of millions of pounds are uninsured, and the Government are therefore free from any subscription to the cost of fire services. The resolution also expressed alarm at the proposal of the Postmaster-General to make charges as would involve increased cost and decreased efficiency. A deputation from the conference will interview the Postmaster-General on Monday.

### CONSTRUCTION OF LOCOMOTIVES.

At the sitting of the Royal Commission inquiring into the relative cost of constructing locomotives at the Phoenix Foundry, Ballarat, and the Newport workshops, to-day, Charles Grubb, foreman boilermaker at the Newport works, said he considered that they could perform all classes of work more cheaply at Newport.

Thomas Hale Woodroffe, chief mechanical engineer of the Victorian Railways, presented a report on the cost of D.D. engines made at Newport. Ten engines in the first lot and ten in the second lot were made between May and January last. The cost of manufacture of the second ten shows a reduction. The direct expenditure on labour in connection with the first ten was £14,057, and in connection with the second ten £11,993. The allowance for shop and other indirect charges (20 per cent.) amounted on the first ten to £2811 and on the second ten to £2399, making totals for labour of £16,868 and £14,392 respectively. The direct expenditure for material on the first ten was £14,805, as against £14,469 for the second, the allowance of 10 per cent. on store charges bringing the respective amounts to £14,953 and £14,616. The share of the cost of designs, drawings, etc., represented £500 on each ten. The total cost of the first ten, therefore, was £32,321, and of the second £29,508. The average weight of each of the first ten was 64 tons 9cwt, and of each of the second ten 64 tons 2cwt. The reduction in connection with the second ten was £2064 in labour expenditure, and £336 in cost of material. The reasons for the decrease were employment, new and better machinery, improved methods of construction, and general increase of expertness on the part of the workmen. There was a slight reduction in the expenditure on the wages, although over the contract minimum rate was paid in each case.

### CAPSIZE OF A VEHICLE.

A party of cricketers were driving from Leongatha to Fairbank yesterday and when going down a steep decline to Ruby Creek the brake of the vehicle refused to act. The horses bolted, swerved off the road, and the vehicle crashed against the fence. Seven of the occupants were thrown out and injured, but none very seriously.

### RELIGIOUS INSTRUCTION IN STATE SCHOOLS.

A deputation from Protestant churches waited on the Premier to-day and asked him to carry into effect what the Scripture instruction campaign council regard as the result of the recent referendum. It was contended by the deputation that the voting was in favour of Scripture lessons, and that an analysis showed a majority of 45 constituencies out of 66, and that the vote against the lessons was largely influenced by those who had withdrawn their children from the State schools. Mr. Bent said he would consider the question in all its bearings, and put it to the Cabinet. He understood what they meant about the constituencies. Whether parsons or not they were pretty smart business men some of them.

It is understood that the price paid by the Government for Wyuna estate was £120,000, or £5 4s 3d per acre.

The late Edward Power, a retired horse-trainer, under his will lodged for probate, left £4150 to his widow.

The Chief Justice, in sentencing Alexander Robinson, an old offender, to five years for housebreaking to-day, said that hardened prisoners should know they are but sentencing themselves by persisting in crime.

The Full Court to-day held that Queen's College and the Methodist University College were liable for the municipal taxation, but reduced the assessment from £400 to 1s.

Mrs. M'Leish was buried at Carisbrook today in the same grave as her little boy who died from poison she administered last Saturday. The elder boy, 5 years old, who recovered, says his mother was writing on Saturday morning, probably the letter found after the act was committed.

## COUNTRY NEWS.

BELLINGER HEADS, Thursday.

There has been a heavy sea during the past four days. The steamer Rosedale and the ketch Zelma have been barbound since Tuesday last, the bar channel being intricate and dangerous during heavy weather.

In consequence of the depressed state of the timber market and low prices ruling for market timber, Messrs. Buckman and Co., sawmillers, have closed down indefinitely.

BLACKHEATH, Thursday.

The Excelsior Dramatic Society (Lithgow) produced the comedy, "Three Hats," in the public hall, in aid of the School of Arts.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

At the Police Court to-day James Hiscutt, pugilist, was charged with being the keeper of a common gaming house. This is the outcome of a raid made recently on a gambling school in Crystal-street. Accused was sentenced to three months' hard labour, but the sentence was suspended for one month to allow of an application being made for prohibition.

DENILIQUIN, Thursday.

A successful carnival and sports meeting was held yesterday under the auspices of the Hibernian Society in aid of the funds of the local hospital. The takings are estimated at about £100.

Last evening a concert and social were held in the Town Hall to raise funds for repairing the Convent School. The gross receipts amount to between £40 and £50.

GULGONG, Thursday.

The Presbyterian fair receipts were £100.

PEAK HILL, Thursday.

Sports were held in aid of the R.C. Church and Convent yesterday on the showground. The bicycle races were won by J. Hennessy, H. Smith, the Sheffield by A. Watts, and a military obstacle race by J. Norris. A concert at night was well attended.

WAGGA, Thursday.

A fire broke out on Gobbagumbalin station on Tuesday, in the direction of Tooyal. Several large paddocks were burned out, but the fencing was saved.

## CASUALTIES AND FATALITIES.

### SUPPOSED CASE OF DROWNING.

A boy named William Watson, aged 11, was supposed to have been drowned in a waterhole at Marrickville yesterday. At about half-past 3 in the afternoon his cap was found in the water, and a man who was in the vicinity stated that he had heard a scream in that direction, and on turning thought he saw a hand disappearing under the surface. The boy had been residing in Silver-street, and as he was missing from there the police, upon the cap being identified, commenced dragging the waterhole, which, in some parts, is of considerable depth. The body had not been recovered at dusk, when operations were suspended.

### A DOSE OF PARIS GREEN.

The Darlinghurst police were called yesterday to a house in Stanley-street, where a man named John Smith, aged 55, was stated to have swallowed a quantity of Paris green dissolved in water. He was in a bad condition, and had to be removed to the Sydney Hospital.

### FATAL SHOOTING ACCIDENT.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

At Wannon River, near Hamilton, this morning, William Mitchell, aged 13 years, was killed by a gun accidentally exploding in the hands of another lad, the charge lodging in his thigh, and severing an artery.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

The body of a man named Williams was found floating in the river to-day. It appeared to have been in the water for two or three days.

COROWA, Thursday.

Mr. E. Clayton, manager of Messrs. A. A. Piggin and Co.'s grain department, narrowly escaped being crushed to death yesterday afternoon. He was superintending the unloading of wheat, when a lorry driven against one end of the stack ripped a bag open. Mr. Clayton rushed to prevent the wheat from spilling, when the whole of one section of the stack fell on him. Fortunately he was wedged between two bags of wheat, which sustained the weight of about 10 tons. He was completely covered, and was extricated with no further injury than a wrenched foot and a severe shaking.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Julia Ronalds, an elderly single woman, was found hanging at her residence, Montague-street, South Melbourne, this morning. She had been despondent since the death of her sister a few weeks ago.

## MILITARY DINNER.

### SPEECH BY MINISTER FOR DEFENCE.

### THE DAY OF PARSIMONY OVER.

### CITIZEN SOLDIERY MUST BE ENCOURAGED.

Colonel James Burns, Brigadier of the 1st Mounted Brigade, gave a dinner last evening, at Baumann's Cafe, Pitt-street, to Brigadier-General J. M. Gordon, C.B., the State Commandant, to meet the officers of the 1st Light Horse Brigade. Amongst those present were the Minister for Defence (Lieutenant-Colonel J. W. McCay), Colonel J. C. Hoad, C.M.G., A.G., Colonel G. W. Waddell, Colonel H. B. Lassetter, C.B., Lieutenant-Colonel Lyster, A.A.G., Lieutenant-Colonels Le Mesurier, Stanley, Antill, C.B., Fiaschi, D.S.O., Cox, C.B., Carrington, D.S.O., Bartlett, J. H. Lee, Vernon, Onslow, Ryrie, and Wells, Majors Legge, Luscombe, Wallace, Brown, Pearce, and Gribben, Captain Collins, C.M.G. (Secretary of the Defence Department), Captains Purves, Timothy, Brunton, Hall, M'Kenzie, Tedder, Selwyn Smith, Everett, and Ryrie, as well as a number of Light Horse subalterns. The Prime Minister had accepted an invitation, but was prevented at the last minute from attending. During the dinner the R.A.A. String Band provided an excellent programme of music.

The toasts of "The King" and "The Prince of Wales," who is the Colonel-in-Chief of the Australian Light Horse Regiments, having been enthusiastically honoured, Colonel Waddell proposed the health of "The Minister for Defence." Federation in defence matters, he said, had been, if anything, a great disadvantage to New South Wales up to the present, as the high state of efficiency of the troops had suffered in consequence of the starving of the military vote. He was glad Mr. McCay had come over personally to find out the weak points existing, and to remove, if possible, certain difficulties and anomalies.

The Minister for Defence, who met with a very cordial reception, said he had been a member of the Defence Force in Victoria for nearly 19 years. The Commonwealth Parliament, with a laudable desire for economy—which was not largely attributed to it, but which certainly met with the endorsement of the military forces—(laughter)—had not been generous in the way of voting funds for defence purposes. Year after year smaller and smaller sums were voted, and he had held the opinion strongly from the first, as he did now, that that was "a penny wise and pound foolish" policy. (Cheers.) He was glad to say that that method of progressing backward had ceased. Last year's Estimates showed a slight increase, and he found that it was desirable to do these things gently. He believed that a reasonable reaction had set in, and that Parliament had begun to realise that the saving of money at the expense of the efficiency of the forces was unwise. Better days were in store for the forces. Where he saw that expenditure was necessary he would endeavour to obtain the Government's sanction for the appropriation of the money. His own ideal for Australian defence lay in the development of their citizen army. He was not in favour of a large standing or permanent force, it being expensive and in some respects unsatisfactory. He did not think that the citizen system could be fully or efficiently established unless in the preparation of the citizens they began in the schools. He had circulated certain proposals for introducing into Australia a system of universal training of our lads while at school. (Cheers and "Catch 'em young.") It was a big step to take, and he thought this was the first English-speaking country in which such a scheme had been propounded with Government approval. It would, of course, be some time before it could be well developed, but he hoped to see it inaugurated before he quitted office. (Cheers.) With such a system in vogue they would find the recruiting ground for citizen soldiery much enlarged and the task of getting men into the ranks easier, and in addition with the school elementary training these men would be capable of going in for advanced work. His ideals might be high, but he believed in the homely doctrine of "hitching your waggon to a star." Another element essential to the success of citizen soldiery was that the aspirations and wishes of those serving must be considered. It was no good disregarding the fact that regiments, like individuals, had idiosyncrasies, likes, and dislikes, and a general spirit of patriotism must be encouraged, and the fact recognised that the troops were doing a public service practically voluntarily, whilst other people were standing by and only criticising. (Cheers.) Although he could not do all he would like to do his interests in the forces were those of a soldier, and not of a politician. (Applause.)

The chairman (Colonel Burns) submitted the toast of "Our Guest." The officers of the first mounted brigade of Australia were pleased to welcome Brigadier-General Gordon to New South Wales, and wished him a long, useful, and pleasant stay in command of the local forces. The military forces of New South Wales were at the present moment under auspices which promised considerable betterment. With a brother officer in the honourable position of Minister of Defence, with their old State Commandant in the important position of Inspector-General for the Commonwealth, and with their guest Brigadier-General Gordon, as State Commandant, they looked forward to a period of substantial progress in the right direction. From an association of very many years with the mounted forces of this State he could promise that the first mounted brigade would ever endeavour to be the first in efficiency of the six mounted brigades in Australia. They much regretted that the brigade would not be brought together this year, and relied upon the new Commandant to advocate a mobilisation of the State forces upon a more comprehensive scale next year. (Cheers.) They could not in Australia afford to play at soldiers, when momentous and far-reaching national problems were being fought out all around them. The first brigade had all the attachment of artillery, army service, and medical corps, etc., and with a little additional transport could undertake long marches under active service conditions. All agreed that a trek of that description was more advanced and educationary than a settled camp with the usual routine of stable duties and short drills in adjacent paddocks. (Laughter.) Unfortunately they were ever-impressed with the fact that the Government vote was just a little short of the amount required to give that higher training and greater mobility, but they were anxiously looking forward to better times. (Cheers.)

Brigadier-General Gordon suitably acknowledged the compliment, and pointed out that he was an old friend of the 1st Light Horse, as he had met them frequently in South Africa.

Lieutenant-Colonel Vernon proposed "Distinguished Visitors," and Colonel Hoad and others responded. Colonel Hoad remarked that the secret of the success of the Japanese in the present war was due to the continuity of military training, heart-felt patriotism, good administration, and the co-operation of every Japanese subject. (Applause).

## TRIAL TRIP OF THE EUGENIE.

Yesterday afternoon the new fore-and-aft auxiliary schooner Eugenie, built to the order of Messrs. Darbishire and Harding, of the island of Guadalcanar, in the Solomon Group, was taken for her official trial trip down the harbour with very successful results. The little vessel, which was much admired, left Drake's Dock, Balmain, with a representative company of fifty or sixty on board, and the outing proved a thoroughly enjoyable one.

The Eugenie is fitted with a 12 horse-power Victor motor for taking her in and out of port, and the vessel steamed over the measured mile at a speed of 3½ knots. The motor ran very smoothly throughout, no vibration being noticeable. The Eugenie was then tried under canvas, and again showed a good turn of speed. On returning to Balmain Mr. Walter H. Lucas, the manager of the island department of Messrs. Burns, Philp, and Company, Limited, proposed "Success to the Eugenie," coupled with the names of the owners. The toast, which was honoured with great enthusiasm, was acknowledged by Mr. Harding.

The Eugenie, a handy little vessel of about 70 tons gross and 34 tons net, was launched on the 18th ult from the yards of Messrs. George and Joseph Bent, at Jervis Bay. She was designed specially for the island trade by Captain Grainger, of this city, and was built under his supervision. Her principal dimensions are:—Length, 81ft; beam, 19ft; and depth, 8ft 3in. The frames and bottom are of hardwood, and the decks and topsides of kauri, and the vessel is copper-fastened throughout.

## NATIONAL SPORTING CLUB.

The usual monthly smoker was held at the National Sporting Club last night. The following contributed to the entertainment:—Messrs. O'Keefe, Budd, Lowell, C. Danby, Burke, Bernasconi and Rowley, Stannis Leslie, and Roberti. The programme was arranged by Mr. Bernasconi, and Puznell's orchestral band played selections.

## SHIPPING.

### ARRIVALS.—March 16.

China, R.M.S., 7911 tons, Captain G. K. Wright, R.N.R., from London, via ports. Passengers: Mr. F. Shanasy, Mr. H. G. Chalk, Mrs. Harman and maid, Mr. Mostyn Llewellyn and valet, Mrs. Ferguson, Mr. W. Smellie, Mr. J. Hesketh, Miss Irwin, Mr. Beamish, Mr. G. S. Yuill and manservant, Mr. Roland, Mr. R. G. Chirnside, Mrs. Alderman, Mr. J. D. Rogers, Lord William and Lady Cecil, Mr. A. C. Sherwood, Mr. H. F. Sendey, Mr. C. Willoughby, Mr. P. Herroll, Mr. and Mrs. Guthrie, Mr. F. B. Smith, Mr. H. C. Lecky, Mr. R. B. Vaughan, Col. H. Goad, Dr. Spooner Hart, Mr. Reakes. For Brisbane: Mrs. J. Hesketh and two children, Mr. C. H. Flemmick. For Auckland: Mr. J. G. Gabb, Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Anderson. For Cairns: Miss M'Kay. And a large number of passengers from interstate ports. E. Trelawny, agent.

Mimiro, s, 6225 tons, Captain Lidstone, from London, via ports. Tyser and Co., agents.

West Lothian, 4-mstd bq, 1737 tons, Captain James, from London. Parbury, Henty, and Co., agents.

Newcastle, s, 1251 tons, Captain M. Thompson, from Newcastle. Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company, Ltd., agents.

Burrawong, s, 391 tons, Captain Innes, from Macleay River. North Coast S. N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Oonah, s, 1757 tons, Captain J. Bentley, from Hobart. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Coomonderry, s, 147 tons, Captain S. Canty, from Moruya. J. Aubin and Son, agents.

Brunner, s, 540 tons, Captain Brown, from Butaritari, Gilbert Islands. On Chong and Co., agents.

Allowrie, s, 504 tons, Captain Swanson, from Shoalhaven. Illawarra and South Coast S.N. Company, Ltd., agents.

Fiona, s, 817 tons, Captain G. Barnes, from Lautoka, Fiji, via Clarence River. Colonial Sugar Refining Company, Limited, agents.

Marloo, s, 2828 tons, Captain K. A. Berg, from Cairns, via ports. G. S. Yuill and Co., Limited, agents.

Waikare, s, 3071 tons, Captain Geo. Crawshaw, from Newcastle. F. W. Jackson, agent.

Kyogle, s, 702 tons, Captain E. Farrell, from Clarence River. North Coast S. N. Company, Limited, agents.

Donna Francisca, four-masted bq, 2163 tons, Captain Simon, from Callao. Passenger—Mrs. Simon. Hogg, Robinson, and Co., agents.

### DEPARTURES.—March 16.

Loch Carron, 4-mstd bq, for London.
Oonah, s, for Newcastle.
Kadina, s, for Port Pirie.

### PROJECTED DEPARTURES.—March 17.

Wakool, s, for London, via Capetown and ports; Augusta, s, and Duroby, s, both for Tweed River; Electra, s, for Manning River; Tuncurry, s, for Cape Hawke and other ports; Barcoona, s, for Port Stephens; Peterborough, s, for Shellharbour; Eden, s, for Moruya, via Bateman's Bay; Illawarra and South Coast S. N. Company's steamer for Wollongong, Kiama, and Shoalhaven; Newcastle and Hunter River S. S. Company's steamer for Newcastle.

### CLEARANCES.—March 16.

Oonah, s, 1757 tons, Captain J. V. Bentley, for Newcastle, with through cargo.

Kadina, s, 2709 tons, Captain P. Barry, for Port Pirie.

Milton, s, 3827 tons, Captain W. Ledds, for Port Elizabeth, via Melbourne.

### COASTERS OUTWARD.—March 16.

Countess of Errol, sch, for Newcastle; Arab, ktch, for Bawley Point; Therest, ktch, for Broken Bay.

### IMPORTS.—March 16.

China, s, from London, via ports: 45 pkgs sheet iron, 972 pkgs steel, 2921 pkgs iron, 13 pkgs photo. goods, 895 ps hoop steel, 16 pkgs chocolate, 13 pkgs almonds, 11 pkgs shoes, 66 pkgs woollens, 13 pkgs surgical instruments, 12 pkgs golf goods, 11 pkgs cardboard, 23 pkgs floorcloth, 19 pkgs provisions, 45 pkgs joints, 11 pkgs metal, 54 pkgs periodicals, 24 pkgs hardware, 33 pkgs galvanised iron, 12 pkgs stationery, 72 pkgs brassware, 66 pkgs fancy goods, 280 pkgs steel and iron, 28 pkgs copper rods, 20 pkgs tea lead, and sundries.

West Lothian, 4-m bq, from London: 30 brls pitch, 100 drms 20 brls tar, 27 crates earthenware, 10 csks ink, 10 hhds sulphate of iron, 45 cs fish, 150 cs spirits, 1380 cs 60 hhds 100 ½-hhds 50 brls beer, 115 cs 10 crates 191 pkgs 28 bls paper, 13 agricultural implements, 340 brls 249 drms oil, 1874 pkgs oilmen's stores, 100 pkgs stout, 550 drms linseed oil, 190 pkgs paint, 80 pkgs machinery, 200 cs 20 ½-hhds vinegar, 404 pkgs rum, 132 jaw boxes, 40 bdls forks, 75 cs gin, 55 pkgs 10 ¼-csks whisky, 45 bgs seed, 64 bls strawboards, 180 pkgs ale, 464 pkgs floorcloth, 164 pkgs stationery, 50 csks whiting, 17 pkgs cardboard, 25 cs oatmeal, 40 pkgs, 50 cs borax, 1053 pkgs white-lead, 20 bls corks, 147 pkgs enamelware, 27 cs sauce, 1200 oven tiles, 550 csks cement, 32 cs bedsteads, 23 pkgs plaster, 20 cs starch, 44 pkgs jute cordage, 12 pkgs elmwood, 34 cs chalk, 50 cs jam, 120 cs pickles, 40 csks glue, 430 pkgs drugs, 250 cs matches, 10 bgs dertrine, 28 pkgs timber, 1724 bdls slates, 100 cs food, 64 pkgs electric goods, and sundries.

Mimiro, s, from London, via ports: 1150 half-cases 700 cs currants, 215 cs 20 quarter-casks brandy, 1019 bdls hoop iron, 56 pkgs 28 drms 51 csks 20 kgs paint, 130 cs cartridges, 566 rls wire netting, 35 cs fruit salts, 15 drms 18 pkgs 10 csk oil, 220 kgs red lead, 297 bdls 210 pcs 33 csks tubes, 53 bdls iron wires, 2528 cs milk, 17 pkgs furniture, 10 sks 20 bls corks, 11 cs coffin furniture, 20 cs milk food, 47 cs oil varnish, 31 cs confectionery, 57 pkgs cement, 1492 kgs 121 csks white lead, 10 pkgs ploughs and parts, 26 bgs wood brush stocks, 10 tnks malt, 50 cs links, 40 pkgs nails, 52 cs watches, 43 cs phosphorus, 111 cs galv iron, 23 pkgs shoe material, 100 cs whisky, 10 csks 10 cs lubricating oil, 24 cs capsules, 19 bls pulp boards, 56 cart arms, 158 bdls springs, 12 cs cardboard, 146 [illegible] 20 cs writing paper, 37 irons, 100 bgs cotton, 16 kgs colour, 100 cs pickles, 50 pkgs 9 cs 1 trunk [illegible] boot materials, 25 bls canvas, 18 cs 16 pkgs paints and varnish, 46 rls floorcloth, 10 cs screws, 13 cs hats, and sundries.

Oonah, s, from Hobart: 16,067 cs fruit, 241 bgs green peas, 22 bgs onions, 1863 cs jam, 173 cs desserts, 46 cs pulp, 28 cs 55 csks ale, 33 csks tallow, 2006 pcs timber (20,082 super ft), and sundries.

Burrawong, s, from Macleay River: 8 bgs bones, 391 bxs butter, 19 cs eggs, 4 cs fish, 1 cs fruit, 45 hides, 65 pigs, 5 cs honey, 10 bls millet, 1048 bgs maize, 5 cs and 1 bx butter, 12 bgs pumpkins, 1 bdl skins, 5 coops and 1 bx poultry, and sundries.

Brunner, s, from South Sea Islands: 340 tons copra, 11 cwt. shark fins.

Kyogle, s, from Clarence River: 11 bgs bones, 750 bxs butter, 112 cs eggs, 50 cs fish, 39 hides and 1 bag, 4 calves, 4 horses, 44 pigs, 4 bgs oysters, 2795 bgs maize, 21 cps poultry, 2 bgs pumpkins, 1 bdl skins, 1 csk tallow, 1 oil engine, and 7 pkgs fittings, 92 bls and 1 bg wool, 9 pkgs samples, 14 bgs vegetables, 3 cs honey, 7 bgs bottles, and sundries.

### EXPORTS.—March 16.

Milton, s, for Port Elizabeth, via Melbourne: 25,000ft hardwood.

Customs-house, Entered Outward.—March 16, Mimiro, s, for Wellington; Drumcraig, 4m bq, for San Francisco, via Newcastle; Empire, s, for Hongkong, via ports; China, R.M.S., for London, via Hobart and ports; Eugenie, fore-and-aft sch, for Solomon Islands; Orontes, s, for Colombo, via Hobart and ports; Oonah, s, for Hobart; Waikare, s, for Wellington.

The following telegrams were received yesterday respecting the condition of the bars at high water:—Richmond River Heads, 14ft 6in on bar, 14ft on inside channel; Camden Haven Heads, 6ft 8in on bar; Cape Hawke, 6ft 6in on bar; Lake Macquarie, 7ft on bar.

### PASSENGERS BY THE WAKOOL.

Appended is a list of the passengers by Lund's Blue Anchor liner Wakool, which will be despatched from Sydney at noon to-day for London, via Natal and Capetown and ports:—Mr. J. M. Brown, Mrs. Brown, Miss Barton, Mr. J. F. Fletcher, Mrs. Fletcher, Mr. Campbell, Mr. J. G. Anderson, Miss Anderson, Mr. Charlick, Miss Charlick, Mr. Brunel Kay, Mrs. B[illegible] Kay, Mrs. Darling and two children, Mr. C. Darling, Mrs. White, Mr. Williams, Mr. D. Slade, Mr. B. Bhicajee, Mr. K. Kalm, Mr. R. Wajeir, Mr. Turner, Mr. H. Payne, Mr. E. Gooderam.

### ARRIVAL OF THE CHINA.

The P. and O. Company's R.M.S. China arrived yesterday from London, via ports, and berthed at the Circular Quay. She left London on February 3, with 78 first saloon, and 80 second saloon passengers. Exceptionally fine weather was experienced to Gibraltar (February 7), and thence to Marseilles, which was reached on February 9. The China left Marseilles at 10 a.m. on February 10, after having embarked 147 passengers, the majority of whom were for Egypt. Port Said was reached at 2.30 p.m. on February 14, after a fine but cold passage down the Mediterranean.

Considerable interest was caused when it became known that General Stoessel had arrived at this port, in a Messageries Maritimes vessel from China, where he was to transfer to a steamer bound for Odessa. The Osiris arrived the following morning, and transferred 3025 bags mails, and 71 packages of parcel post to the China. An appreciable difference was noticed in the temperature shortly after leaving Suez, and a fine run was experienced down the Red Sea, the heat being at no time excessive. On the 19th the China arrived at Aden, connecting with the Arcadia for Bombay, to which vessel 54 passengers and 1512 bags of mail, 249 packages of parcel post, 1073 bars of silver, 23 boxes of gold were transferred. Fine weather prevailed to Colombo, which was reached at 1 p.m. on the 25th, where the China connected with the Nubia for Straits and China ports. The weather from Colombo to Fremantle was fine and cool, with mild south-east trades. From Fremantle to Large Bay fresh south-westerly breeze and swell were met with.

Captain G. K. Wright, R.N.R., has associated with him the following officers:—Messrs. G. Coldwell (chief officer), M. E. Dunstan (second), J. M'Gregor (third), J. Plumpton (fourth), V. C. Bowles (fifth), H. Hendy Butcher (surgeon), W. C. Walker (chief engineer), W. Service (purser), B. Blythman (assistant purser).

### CARGO BY THE WAKOOL.

The following is a list of the cargo by the Blue Anchor liner Wakool, which will sail from the Central Wharf, Miller's Point, at noon to-day for London, via South Africa and ports:—1000 bales wool, 131 bales cuttings, 8 bales glue pieces, 40 bales furskins, 10 bales leather, 1000 bags flour and wheat, 8 bags beeswax, 40 casks tallow, 3000 bars lead, 1600 boxes butter, 5300 carcases mutton, 700 carcases veal, 1250 carcases lamb, 185 crates rabbits, hares, and poultry, a large quantity of sundries, and 4 boxes bullion.

### THE MELBOURNE S.S. COMPANY'S FLEET.

The Perth leaves Melbourne on Saturday for Sydney.

The [illegible] sails from Melbourne to-day for Adelaide and Western Australia.

The Melbourne left Burnie on Wednesday, and leaves Devonport to-day for Sydney direct.

The Sydney is due at Fremantle to-day from Geraldton, en route to eastern States.

### TELEGRAPHIC SHIPPING NEWS.

KARUMBA.—Arr: March 16, Maranoa, s, from Brisbane.

COOKTOWN (1550 miles).—March 16, Papuan, sch, for New Guinea.

CAIRNS (1400 miles).—March 16, Arawatta, s, from Sydney. Dep: March 15, Buninyong, s, for Sydney.

ROCKHAMPTON (920 miles).—Arr: March 16, Sylvan, s, from Maryborough.

KEPPEL BAY (877 miles).—Dep: March 16, Kent, s, for Brisbane; Wollowra, s, for Cairns.

MARYBOROUGH (660 miles).—Dep: March 16, Burwah, s, for Rockhampton.

BRISBANE (500 miles).—Arr: March 16, Varzin, s, Wyandra, s, and Barrabool, s, all from Sydney; Aramac, s, from Cooktown; Barcoo, s, from Townsville. Dep: March 16, Flinders, s, for Bundaberg.

TWEED HEADS (374 miles).—March 16, Wollumbin, s, bar bound. Passed: Barrabool, s, at 6 a.m., north.

BYRON BAY (345 miles).—Arr: March 16, Noorebar, s, at 8.40 a.m.

RICHMOND RIVER HEADS (331 miles).—Arr: March 16, St. George, s, at 5.30 a.m.; Tomki, s, at 8.5 a.m.

CLARENCE HEADS (296 miles).—Arr: March 16, Kallatina, s, and Hastings, s, both at an early hour.

WOOLGOOLGA (254 miles).—Arr: March 16, Cooleon, s, at 3 p.m., from Sydney. Passed: Steamer, like Miltiades, at 12.20 p.m., south.

COFF'S HARBOUR (237 miles).—Arr: March 15, Noorebar, s, at 10 p.m., from Sydney. March 16, Cooleon, s, at 7 a.m., from Sydney. Dep: Cavanba, s, at 6.20 a.m., for Sydney.

NAMBUCCA HEADS (223 miles).—March 16, Nerong, s, at 4 p.m., off bar, sea too heavy to cross in.

BELLINGER HEADS (230 miles).—March 16, Rosedale, s, and Zelma, ktch, both bar bound.

SMOKY CAPE (205 miles).—Passed: March 16, Friendship, s, at 1.40 p.m., north; Gulf of Venice, s, at 5 p.m., south.

TACKING POINT (169 miles).—Passed: March 16, Cavanba, s, at 2.15 p.m., south.

CAMDEN HAVEN HEADS (150 miles).—Dep: March 16, Bellinger, at 3.30 p.m.; Gleaner, ktch, at 4.20 p.m., Australia, sch, at 5.5 p.m.

MANNING HEADS (144 miles).—March 16, Electra, s, Kincumber, s, Roselle, sch, all barbound.

CAPE HAWKE (123 miles).—March 16, Willinga, sch, barbound.

PORT STEPHENS (92 miles).—Passed: March 16, Marloo, s, and Albany, s, both at 11.15 a.m., Kyogle, s, and Fiona, s, both at 1 p.m., Ramornie, s, at 4.5 p.m. all south; Paris, sch, at 11.15 a.m., north. Dep: Hawke, s, at 1.25 p.m., for Sydney.

BARRANJOEY (19½ miles).—Passed: March 16, Erina, s, at 5.30 p.m., south.

NEWCASTLE (62 miles).—Arr: March 16, Namoi, s, Chipperkyle, bq, Waikare, s, St. Kilda, sch, Louis Roth, s, from Sydney; Albany, s, from Brisbane. Dep: March 16, Euryalus, s, for Java, via Melbourne; Namoi, s, for Sydney; Paris, ktch, for Cape Hawke; Boroona, s, Helen Nicoll, s, Derwent, s, for Sydney.

BELLAMBI (41 miles).—Dep: March 16, Malachite, s, at 7.45 a.m., for Sydney.

WOLLONGONG (44 miles).—Dep: March 16, Allowra, s, at 12 a.m., Kurrara, s, at 4 p.m., both for Sydney.

KIAMA (59 miles).—Dep: March 16, Civility, s, at 5.30 a.m., for Sydney.

CROOKHAVEN HEADS (74 miles).—Dep: March 16, Allowrie, s, at 7 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: Marloo, ktch, at 12.5 p.m., north.

JERVIS BAY (87 miles).—Dep: March 16, Jessie, s, at 7.3 a.m., for Sydney. Passed: Steamer, with black funnel, at 8.45 a.m., a cutter, at 10 a.m., both south; New Guinea, s, at 4.45 p.m., Eden, s, at 3.50 p.m., Peterborough, s, at 6.40 p.m., all north.

BATEMAN'S BAY (134 miles).—Dep: March 16, Peterborough, s, at 9.30 a.m., for Sydney.

BERMAGUI (175 miles).—Dep: March 16, Eden, s, at 8 a.m., for Sydney.

EDEN (210 miles).—Dep: March 16, Wakatipu, s, at 8.35 a.m., for Tasmania.

GREEN CAPE (218 miles).—Passed: March 16, Corio, s, at 6 p.m., north.

GABO ISLAND (238 miles).—Passed: March 16, Tainan, s, at 1.35 p.m., a steamer, at 7.10 a.m., both north; Dilkera, s, at 11.30 a.m., Tropic, s, at 11 a.m., Kyarra, s, at 12.10 p.m., Glaucus, s, at 4 p.m., all west; Wakatipu, at 11.55 a.m., south.

WILSON'S PROMONTORY (426 miles).—Passed, outward: March 15, two steamers, at 9.35 a.m. March 16, a steamer, at 3 a.m., ship Ardnamurchan, at 8.30 a.m., Essen, s, at 9 a.m.

MELBOURNE (576 miles).—Arr: March 16, Finland, Russian sh, from Drammen; Telamon, s, from Hobart; Wodonga, s, from Sydney. Dep: March 16, Empire, for Sydney; Orion, s, for Burnie.

HOBART (646 miles).—Arr: March 16, Monowai, s, at 12.15 p.m., from New Zealand; Westralia, s, at 1.10 p.m., from Sydney. Dep: Monowai, s, at 4.30 p.m., for Melbourne.

LOW HEAD (560 miles).—Dep: March 16, Loongana, s, at 6.45 p.m., for Melbourne.

DEVONPORT (498 miles).—Arr: March 16, Melbourne, s, at 12.45 p.m., from Burnie. Dep: Wareatea, s, at 6.30 p.m., for Melbourne.

MACQUARIE HEADS.—Dep: March 16, Kawatiri, s, at 6.25 p.m., for Melbourne.

ADELAIDE (1084 miles).—Arr: March 16, Bombala, s, from Western Australia. Dep: March 16, Bombala, s, for Melbourne.

ALBANY (2100 miles).—Passed: March 16, Kanowna, s, east.

FREMANTLE (2460 miles).—Arr: March 16, Yongala, s, at 7 a.m., from eastern States; Omrah, s, at 8.45 a.m., from London. Dep: March 16, Omrah, s, at 4.5 p.m., Kiel, s, at 5.10 p.m., both for eastern States.

### NEW ZEALAND SHIPPING.

AUCKLAND (1281 miles).—Dep: March 16, Ventura, R.M.S., at 12.30 a.m., for Sydney.

WELLINGTON (1233 miles).—Dep: March 16, Rimutaka, s, for London.

KAIPARA.—Arr: March 16, Senorita, bqtn, from Newcastle.

PORT CHALMERS (1235 miles).—Dep: March 16, Rotokino, s, for Newcastle.

## METEOROLOGICAL REPORTS.

Observatory, Thursday.

Average rainfall for 46 years, 49.384.
Average for 46 years from Jan. 1 to Feb. 28, 8.338.
Total from Jan. 1 to March 16, 8.607.
Temperatures: Maximum, 75.2; minimum, 67.3; at 9 p.m., 70.
Humidity.—At 9 a.m., 80; at 3 p.m., 70.

### BAROMETER READINGS AT 9 A.M.

Carnarvon, 30.05; Geraldton, 30.08; Perth, 30.05; Esperance Bay, 29.93; Eucla, 29.92; Streaky Bay, 30.12; Adelaide, 30.16; Robe, 30.24; Portland, 30.25; Melbourne, 30.28; Wilson's Promontory, 30.31; Gabo Island, 30.19; Cape St. George, 30.19; Sydney, 30.19; Newcastle, 30.18; Port Macquarie, 30.20; Clarence Heads, 30.14; Brisbane, 30.21; Rockhampton, 30.20; Mackay, 30.13; Cooktown, 30.02.

### RAINFALL.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Byron Bay 5 points, Clarence 3, Tabulam 16.

### SYNOPSIS AT 9 A.M.

New South Wales (for 24 hours ended at 9 a.m.).—Fine weather continued throughout the State, excepting extreme north coastal districts, where a few light showers, probably associated with thunder, occurred during the evening.

Victoria.—Fine inland, cloudy and misty in coastal parts.

South Australia.—Generally fine, with E. to N.E. winds.

Tasmania.—Fine, with scattered clouds and light S to E winds.

Western Australia.—Unsettled and showery, associated with thunder along S and SW coastal parts; otherwise fine, but scattered areas of cloud.

Queensland.—Gloomy in extreme south-east; fine elsewhere, but cloudy along north coast and peninsula.

### THE RIVERS INLAND.

The heights of rivers above summer level at 9 a.m. on Thursday were:—Albury, 2in b s l; Balranald, b s l; Bingara, low; Boggabilla, 2in; Booligal, dry; Bourke, 5ft 9in, f; Brewarrina, 3ft 5in; Condobolin, low; Cowra, 1ft 1in; Deniliquin, 1in; Dubbo, 1ft 6in; Euabalong, dry; Euston, 3ft 10in; Goodooga, low; Gundagai, b s l; Gunnedah, low; Hay, 1ft 6in b s l; Hillston, dry; Kunopia, low; Louth, 2ft; Manilla, low; Menindie, 2ft; Mogil Mogil, low; Mungindi, 1ft 6in, f; Moama, 4ft 11in; Moulamein, 4in; Narrandera, 5ft 9in; Pooncarie, 3ft; Tilpa, low; Tocumwal, 3in b s l; Wagga Wagga, 9in; Wentworth, b s l; Wilcannia, 2ft 5in, f; Yetman, low; Barwon River at Walgett, 5ft 7in, stationary; Namoi River at Walgett, 4ft, f.

Note.—R, rising; f, falling; b s l, below summer level.

### COASTAL REPORTS AT 8 P.M.

Tweed Heads, NW, light, cloudy, sea heavy; Byron Bay, NE, fine, sea smooth; Ballina, N, cloudy, sea smooth; Clarence Heads, NE, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Woolgoolga, NE, light, fine, sea moderate; Bellinger Heads, NE, light, fine, sea moderate; Nambucca Heads, NE, light, fine, sea rough; Port Macquarie, SE, light, cloudy, sea rough; Seal Rocks, SW, light, hazy, sea slight; Port Stephens, SE, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Newcastle, SE, moderate, fine, sea slight; Lake Macquarie Heads, S, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Catherine Hill Bay, S, light, cloudy, sea moderate; Barranjoey, SE, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; South Head, ESE, dull, hazy, sea slight; Wollongong, S, light, showery, sea smooth; Kiama, SSE, fresh, light rain, sea moderate; Crookhaven Heads, SE, fresh, cloudy, sea moderate; Jervis Bay, SE, moderate, cloudy, sea smooth; Ulladulla, S, fresh, showery, sea moderate; Bateman's Bay, S, light, dull, sea smooth; Moruya, S, light, gloomy, sea slight; Eden, SE, fresh, fine, sea slight; Green Cape, S, fresh, fine, sea slight; Gabo Island, SSW, light, misty, sea slight.

### FORECASTS AT 9 P.M.

New South Wales.—Cloud areas and some showers in coastal parts, with a tendency for thunder north of Sydney and over northern highlands; otherwise fine generally. Winds variable, but chiefly E to S, with calms.

Victoria.—Fine, warmer winds, veering to E and S later; sea slight.—P. Baracchi.

South Australia.—A change shortly to unsettled, squall, and showery weather; stormy on coast from south-west and south, with rough sea.—C. Todd.

### ASTRONOMICAL MEMORANDA FOR MARCH 17.

Sun rises at 5.56, sets at 6.12; Moon, 3.29 p.m., 12.56 a.m.; Mercury, 6.27 a.m., 6.32 p.m.; Venus, 5.32 a.m., 7.45 p.m.; Mars, 8.52 p.m., 10.37 a.m.; Jupiter, 8.47 a.m., 7.53 p.m.; Saturn, 3.39 a.m., 4.59 p.m.

Full Moon, March 21; New Moon, April 5.

High water at Fort Denison, 4.57 a.m., 5.29 p.m.

## THE MAILS.

### THIS DAY.

South Australia.—Overland, 5.30 p.m.*
*Letters, provided they are posted in the special box at the G.P.O., which will be opened for that purpose during the time stated hereafter, will be accepted without late fee from 5.30 to 6 p.m. for places in South Australia, and from 6 to 6.45 p.m. for Adelaide only.
Victoria.—Overland, 5.30† and 7 p.m.
†Letters, provided they are posted in the special box at the G.P.O., which will be open for that purpose during the time stated hereafter, will be accepted without late fee from 5.30 to 6 p.m. for all places in Victoria, and from 6 to 6.45 p.m. for Melbourne only.
Queensland.—Overland, 3.45 p.m.††
††Letters for Queensland will be accepted without late fee for the Northern express from 3.45 to 4.15 p.m., if posted at G.P.O., in the special box, which will be open for that purpose during the time stated.
*Western Australia, via Adelaide and Albany.—Hobart, 5.30 p.m.**
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Orion, 5.30 p.m.**
Manning River, Electra, 6 p.m.

### SATURDAY.

Laurieton.—Bellinger, 8 a.m.
Byron Bay.—Cavanba, 9 a.m.
Wellington, etc., N.Z., (direct).—Waikare, 11 a.m.
Monte Video, Buenos Ayres, Chili, and Rio Janeiro, via Wellington.—Athenic, 11 a.m.
Port Macquarie and Bellinger Heads.—Rosedale, 1 p.m.
Brisbane.—Gabo, 1 p.m.
Richmond River.—Ramornie, 1 p.m.
Nelson's Bay and Tea Gardens.—Hawke, 4 p.m.
Clarence River.—Kyogle, 8 p.m.
Tasmania, via Melbourne.—Loongana, 9.30 p.m.
*Western Australia, via Adelaide and Fremantle.—Kyarra, 9.30 p.m.
British New Guinea, New Britain, German New Guinea, Hongkong, and Japan, via Brisbane.—Prinz Waldemar, 9.30 p.m.

### MONDAY.

Nambucca Heads and Macksville.—Nerong, 8 a.m.
Hobart.—Oonah, 10 a.m.
Eden.—Bega, 1 p.m.
Strahan, Zeehan, and North-West Coast of Tasmania via Melbourne.—Kawatiri, 5.30 p.m.

### TUESDAY.

Gavotu (Solomon Islands).—Eugenie, noon.
Wardell (R.R.).—Tomki, 1 p.m.
Fiji, Honolulu, Canada, U.S. of America, Central America, West Indies, United Kingdom, and Continent of Europe, via Brisbane.—R.M.S. Miowera, 2.30 p.m.
R.M.S. Aorangi (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Brisbane, 2.30 p.m.
United Kingdom, Continent of Europe, India, and Mauritius.—Overland to Adelaide, and thence per Marmora, 5 p.m.
P. and O. steamer Marmora (letters addressed to persons on board).—Overland to Adelaide, 5 p.m.
Western Australia, via Adelaide.—Marmora, 5.30 p.m.*
Dunedin, etc (N.Z.), via Melbourne.—Monowai, 5.30 p.m.
Hobart, via Melbourne.—Monowai, 5.30 p.m.**
Clarence River.—Kallatina, 8 p.m.
Byron Bay.—Noorebar, 9 p.m.

* Correspondence intended for transmission by this vessel must be specially endorsed with the name of the ship.

** Letters, provided they are posted in the special box at the G.P.O., which will be open for that purpose during the time stated hereafter, will be accepted without late fee from 5.30 to 6 p.m.

# SPORTING.

## THE TURF.

The following scratchings were recorded at the A.J.C. office yesterday:—St. Leger: Step Out, Haut Nove. Sires Produce Stakes and Champagne Stakes: Bon Grafton, Japhet, Master Joe, and the Simmer-Bliss colt.

Tocumwal Amateur T.C. meeting to be held on April 24 has been granted registration by the A.J.C.

Yesterday's scratchings for next Saturday's meeting at Warwick Farm were as follows:—Farm Stakes: Keeper. Flying Mile: Marvel Loch, Killers, Danny Mann, Ninyas. Warwick Handicap: Overdale, Panama.

The local settling of accounts in connection with the Newmarket Handicap and Australian Cup took place yesterday, and passed off satisfactorily. During the proceedings the Doncaster Handicap and Sydney Cup received attention from backers. For the former event Medallist was in most demand, any money on offer at 100 to 8 being accepted, and he hardened a couple of points in the quotations. Abington and Canteen each received fair support, and there were also inquiries for Marvel Loch, Mack, and Port Jackson. The principal prices on offer were as follows:—10 to 1 v Medallist, 12 to 1 v Mack, 14 to 1 each v Marvel Loch and Port Jackson, 16 to 1 each v Canteen and Abington, from 20 to 1 v others. For the Sydney Cup Dividend was the only one to meet with any support.

Entries for next Monday's races at Rosebery Park close with the secretary (Mr. A. E. Bateman) this afternoon. The programme is advertised in this issue.

The Kensington R.C. programme for Wednesday next appears in our business columns. Entries close with the secretary (Mr. A. Hennigham) at 5 p.m. to-day.

The Epping Racing Club's weekly pony and galloway meeting takes place to-day. Forest Lodge, Balmain, and Drummoyne trams, via George-street, will be available at intervals of three minutes during the afternoon.

Messrs. W. Inglis and Son notify in our business columns that they will sell by auction at their bazaar at noon to-day the racing ponies Admission, Blue Cap II., and Corrie.

Some time back the A.J.C. gave horse-trainers permission to ride their hacks across the training tracks on the inner, unoccupied, space of Randwick heath. This concession was of considerable convenience to those trainers who work their horses from the southern boxes, which are about half a mile from the winning post line, especially in wet weather, or when the grass is very damp, as it was by yesterday morning's dew. However, the trainers who work from the grandstand side recently objected to their southern "friends" moving about the centre on horse back, their reason being that occasionally a horseman blotted a post out from view, and the Jockey Club ordered a discontinuance of the practice in deference to the wishes of the objectors, who, by the way, have dry ground on which to stand at their end. The caretaker, of course, carries out his orders rigidly, and horsemen must now dismount when they reach the rendezvous near the practice starting gate. To be compelled to tramp about in the wet grass for no good or sufficient reason has caused much indignation among the southerners, who intend to interview Mr. Clibborn on the subject, and as reprisals in another direction are threatened there is just now the makings of a very healthy quarrel among the training factions at headquarters.

### THE MORNING GALLOPS.

The weather was cool and cloudy at Randwick yesterday morning, and when the work began on the "magpie" track the grass was heavily laden with dew, but the rink was in good order and favoured the watch. Punctual to the call of time Ian and Pierrot took possession, and ran seven furlongs together in 1m 30s; then Red Flag and Cordon followed with a mile in 1m 49½s, and after long steady pacing Port Jackson slipped over six furlongs in 1m 20s. Trenwith and Stirrup Cup were not trying to make time over six furlongs, which occupied 1m 23s; and Scot Free bowled along attractively over a short course. Buka, Nothos, Trenayr, Nun Nicer, and Condor were let off with easy tasks, the lastnamed being palpably lame. Ossian easily held Whakatiki at the end of six furlongs, run in 1m 21s, a record that Tartan equalled after doing some half-pacing for nearly a mile. Niebel had a slight call over Panama at the end of a round, which was run in 2m 11s, and Barrine galloped a mile and a quarter at nearly top speed. Belfry stayed with Keeper over six furlongs, which occupied 1m 22½s, and Jeypan traversed about seven furlongs at a strong pace with a companion. A working gallop over a round went down to Fanshawe and After Dark, and Marvel Loch had no trouble in reeling off six furlongs in 1m 21s. Farnworth was associated with Refuge Bay in a useful gallop, and Chiefswood ran nine furlongs at a sound working pace. Joyance, Raeburn, and Spero travelled a mile in company at a stout pace, while six furlongs in 1m 22s went down to Heracles and Royal Arthur, a Delaware colt, who is a good-looking addition to Lamond's team. Praleen was bowling along at a sound pace, but Cherson was restricted to cantering exercise. Overdale and Killers were not all out to run a mile in 1m 51s, and Cato, by running six furlongs in 1m 19½s, put up the record of the morning for that distance. Paraloch and Levuka travelled half a mile at nearly full speed, and Fashoda slipped over a short course smartly. Ninyas and Rudyard were on terms at the end of a round, run in 2m 7s, and High Collar easily beat Cherie over half a mile in 51s. Holophote was out, but was in a bad humour, and refused to work, while Zythos, in his usual lazy manner, spent 1m 24s over six furlongs. Sir Faust and Fireclay ran a mile in 1m 48s, the best of the morning, and Bridge knocked off six furlongs in 1m 19½s, a performance that Victory just equalled, while Probate and Rothschild each did a useful task. Mack, who moved freely and was full of go, strode along for seven furlongs on the tan, in 1m 38½s, but he was not out to make time. On this rink Sabina and Siesta knocked off six furlongs in 1m 19½s, and Ibex moved along easily for about a mile. Mutandum ran the last six furlongs of a mile in 1m 22s, while Kopje did a working gallop over a similar distance, and there was nothing to choose between Zenda and Acrasia at the end of a round, run in 1m 19s. In the afternoon the steeplechaser Kaffir, with T. Grimes in the saddle, was schooled over a few fences, and shaped well.

### VICTORIAN SPORTING NOTES.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Hickenbotham's team for Sydney will, according to present arrangements, comprise Dividend, Billingsgate, and Blue Spec, while Step Out, Rifler, Bon Grafton, and Florin will go to Adelaide.

Following are to-day's scratchings for the V.A.T.C. meeting next Saturday:—Orrong Two-year-old: Black Knight and Canonised. Ubique Welter: The Critic. St. Kilda Cup: Impress. Hurdle Race: Glare and Rabato.

### EPPING RACES.

The following weights have been issued for to-day's pony and galloway meeting at Epping:—

Fourteen-three Handicap, 5f.—Good Mona, 9st 5lb; Geraldine, 8st 1lb; Swallow, 7st 13lb; Cissy, 7st 13lb; Boyd, 7st 13lb; La Rose, 7st 10lb; Unseen, 7st; First Aid, 7st; Battalion, 7st.

Fourteen-one Handicap, 4f.—Indiana, 9st 9lb; The Victim, 7st 5lb; Clarette, 7st 5lb; Dotty, 7st 2lb; Lady Morton, 7st; Pearl Beau, 7st; Quality, 7st.

Novice Handicap, 4f.—Grafter, 10st 2lb; Pretty Holly, 8st 13lb; Corrie, 8st 12lb; Battalion, 8st 2lb; Myta, 8st 3lb; Hilarious, 8st; Sweetheart, 7st 10lb; Abydor, 7st 9lb; Lady Kitty, 7st 7lb; I Go, 7st 7lb; Kirkham, 7st 7lb; Amy Brookleigh, 7st 7lb.

Fourteen Handicap, 4f.—Luleon, 9st 5lb; Quality, 8st; Lady Danton, 7st 12lb; Whisper, 7st 9lb; Maytime, 7st 7lb; Astoria, 7st 5lb; Indian, 7st 5lb; Profit, 7st 3lb.

Fourteen-two Handicap, 5f.—Good Mona, 10st 5lb; Lady Blaize, 8st 13lb; Report, 8st 5lb; Esperance, 7st 12lb; Sea Shell, 7st 12lb; Fright, 7st 3lb; Little Dod, 7st 2lb; Brockleigh, 7st; Blue Bell, 7st.

Epping Handicap, 5f.—Kola, 9st 7lb; Escape, 8st; Freedom, 8st 12lb; Frivolous, 7st 6lb; La Rose, 7st 4lb; Geraldine, 7st 2lb; Sparrow, 7st 2lb; Church Hour, 7st 2lb; Coelus, 7st; Chester Lily, 7st; Sweetheart, 7st; Zirowa, 7st.

### TUMUT JOCKEY CLUB'S ANNUAL MEETING.

SECOND DAY.

TUMUT, Thursday.

Following are the results of the second day's racing in connection with the Tumut Jockey Club's meeting:—

Second Hurdles of 20 sovs, 2½m.—Crisis, by Climax—Auntie, 11st, 1; Bombay, 9st 7lb, 2; Oliver, 9st 7lb, 3. Time, 4m 32s.

Shorts of 15 sovs, 6f.—Early Rose, by Sunrise—White Rose, 7st 12lb, 1; Nimbo, 8st 13lb, 2. Time, 1m 17s.

Boon Plate of 30 sovs, second 5 sovs, 1m.—Launful, by Launceston—Lawnfull, 6st 12lb, 1; Little Mary, 6st, 2.

Corinthian Handicap of 20 sovs, 1m.—Boori, 9st 7lb, 1; Bombay, 10st 5lb, 2; Doubtful Jack, 9st, 3. Time, 1m 57 1-5s.

Stewards' Handicap of 15 sovs.—Graftondelle, by Grafton—Hirondelle, 7st 10lb, 1; Ruby, 7st 5lb, 2; Cornecob, 7st 9lb, 3. Time, 1m 16½s.

### WALLSEND JOCKEY CLUB.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

The following weights have been declared for the Wallsend Jockey Club races, which take place on Saturday next:—

Shorts Handicap, 6f.—Nickel, 9st 7lb; Lady Laura, 8st 5lb; Lord Boyne, 9st 5lb; Pleasure, 9st 5lb; Antea, 7st 12lb; Sarsfield, 7st 10lb; Neptunus, 7st 10lb; Zanzibar, 7st 10lb; The Bairn, 7st 9lb; Chimer, 7st 9lb; Panara, 7st 9lb; N. R., 7st 7lb; Sir Roland, 7st 2lb; Miss Laura, 6st 10lb.

Flying Welter, 7f.—Chronograph, 9st 12lb; Protector, 9st 12lb; Osprey, 9st 8lb; Seethe (late Reverie), 9st 6lb; Midlothian, 8st 7lb; Peter, 8st 7lb; Enooma, 8st 7lb; My Katie, 8st; La Valetta, 7st 12lb; Alteration (late Prospect), 7st 12lb; Abermain, 7st 7lb; Navy Blue, 7st 7lb; Lady Stockwell, 7st 7lb; Appie, 7st 7lb.

Town Plate, 1m 1f.—Long Tom, 9st 10lb; Lord Boyne, 9st 10lb; Pleasure, 8st 8lb; Lady Simmer, 8st 6lb; Tattoo, 7st 7lb; The Bairn, 7st 2lb; Ryton, 7st 2lb; Strabo, 7st; Encore, 7st; Boy Joe, 7st; Panara, 7st; Phil May, 7st; Oriental, 7st; Plattsburg, 6st 12lb; Chaperon, 6st 12lb; Proceed, 6st 10lb; La Mute, 6st 7lb; Sinless, 6st 7lb; Hush, 6st 7lb.

Borough Handicap, 6f.—Zibilene, 9st 8lb; Lyddite, 9st 8lb; Tamarang, 8st 8lb; Maxwell, 8st 6lb; Dean Swift, 8st 2lb; Prince Hanlon, 8st 2lb; A.Z., 8st 2lb; Alteration, 8st 2lb; Dudley, 8st; Graftnot, 7st 10lb; Passion, 7st 10lb; Wangindabah, 7st; Bellevue, 7st; Pwllgyn, 7st; Delbassy, 7st; Eppie, 7st; Gilio, 7st; High Life, 7st.

Final Handicap, 7f.—Osprey, 9st 8lb; Antea, 9st 6lb; Sarsfield, 9st 2lb; Miss Minerva, 9st 2lb; Molly Butler, 9st; Plattsburg, 8st 12lb; Sir Roland, 8st 10lb; Midlothian, 8st 7lb; Cangon, 8st 7lb; Peter, 8st 7lb; Enooma, 8st 7lb; Warkworth, 8st 2lb; Miss Laura, 8st 2lb; Fitzclarence, 8st; La Valette, 7st 12lb; Navy Blue, 7st 7lb; Abermain, 7st 7lb; Goldlock, 7st 7lb; Piercefield, 7st 7lb; Barraba, 7st 7lb.

## POLO.

COOMA, Thursday.

The Cooma Club's annual gymkhana meeting was held yesterday. There was a good attendance. With the exception of one unfortunate accident, everything passed off satisfactorily. In the Cigar and Umbrella Race Mr. J. J. Howell (hon. secretary of the club) fell from his mount, fracturing the point of his left shoulder. The results were:—Goal hitting contest: E. H. Litchfield's Chester, 1; O. B. Ryrie's Molly, 2. Bending race: E. H. Litchfield's Chester, 1; E. H. Litchfield's Ringer, 2. Polo ball race: W. Willmott's Creamy, 1; J. C. Ryrie's Miss Dobbin, 2. Cooma Polo Club Challenge Cup (to be won three times before becoming the property of the winner): F. F. Mitchell's Sealoam, 1; E. H. Harnett's Golden Slipper, 2; J. C. Ryrie's Dicky, 3. Lady's bracelet: J. B. Sautelle's Elf, 1; Miss Ryrie's Polly, 2; Mrs. Balmain's Barney, 3. Cigar and umbrella race: J. C. Ryrie's Miss Dobbin, 1; A. Balmain's Barney, 2. Members' trophy: E. Harnett's Golden Slipper, 1; Dr. Paton's Tartan, 2. Flag race: J. C. Ryrie's Miss Dobbin, 1; E. Litchfield's Ringer, 2. Potatoe race: W. Willmott's Creamy, 1; E. H. Litchfield's Ringer, 2. Turning race: W. Willmott's Creamy, 1; E. Litchfield's Chester, 2. Hurry scurry: J. C. Ryrie's Dicky, 1; E. H. Litchfield's Amber, 2. A polo match took place between the Cooma B and Bombala this afternoon, and resulted in a win for Bombala by eight goals to four.

## GOLF.

### AMATEUR CHAMPIONSHIP OF INDIA.

On the Tollyunge links at Calcutta the annual tournament for the amateur championship of India and the East was won by B. Abdy Collins, a member of the Aldeburgh Golf Club (Suffolk). Collins had only been in India a few weeks. T. Drimmie, who won the qualifying stroke competition, was favourite, but he was defeated by E. H. Townend.

## CRICKET.

### AUSTRALIA v NEW ZEALAND.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

The second match, Australia v New Zealand, and the last of the visitors' games in the colony, was commenced at Wellington this afternoon. The wicket was dead after four days' wet weather. The only stand made by the local men was by the first pair, Ollivier and Sims, of Christchurch. Hickson (Wellington) played a lively game. The home side were dismissed for 94, and the innings lasted two hours and five minutes. Howell at one stage had taken three wickets for 6, and he finished the innings with four wickets at a cost of 5 runs each. The Australians, in three-quarters of an hour scored 51 for one wicket. McLeod was in 15 minutes before he scored. The wicket will probably be sticky to-morrow. Scores:—

New Zealand.—First Innings.

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| A. Sims, c Noble, b Howell | 16 |
| K. M. Ollivier, c Gehrs, b Cotter | 16 |
| H. Graham, c Trumper, b Cotter | 2 |
| Hickson, b Cotter | 12 |
| H. G. Siedeberg, c Gehrs, b McLeod | 14 |
| J. P. Blacklock, b Howell | 5 |
| F. R. Mason, not out | 8 |
| S. Callaway, b Howell | 0 |
| J. H. Bennett, c Gehrs, b Howell | 9 |
| C. Boxshall, c Gehrs, b McLeod | 0 |
| E. F. Upham, c Duff, b McLeod | 7 |
| Sundries | 5 |
| Total | 94 |

Bowling.—Noble, 8 overs, 0 maidens, 21 runs, 0 wicket, 1 no-ball; Cotter, 12 overs, 3 maidens, 20 runs, 3 wickets, 2 no-balls; Howell, 13 overs, 6 maidens, 20 runs, 4 wickets; McLeod, 8.5 overs, 2 maidens, 18 runs, 3 wickets.

Australia.—First Innings.

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| C. McLeod, st Boxshall, b Callaway | 12 |
| Newland, not out | 34 |
| Cotter, not out | 3 |
| Sundries | 2 |
| One wicket for | 51 |

Fijian papers to hand state that Mr. H. Scott, the hon. secretary of the Fiji Cricket Club, was in receipt of a cable from the captain of the Australian Eleven, notifying that the team would arrive at Suva by the next regular monthly steamer, due to arrive there on Sunday, the 20th, and would be pleased to play the local team. The match will be played on the Albert Park cricket field on Monday, the 27th inst., and the wickets will be pitched at 2 o'clock sharp. Players will include a percentage of native cricketers.

The ex-students of Windsor Grammar School, in a return match beat the School by 2 runs. Ex-students, 116 (Howard 32, R. Cohen 18, Alexander 26), and five for 78 (Cohen 27 not out, Le Couteur 18). Coomes, four wickets for 21; Chandler, two for 2; Allison, two for 28. School, 114 (Hough 26, Allison 15, Allen 12). Le Couteur, five wickets for 43.

On Wednesday Broadway, 163 (W. T. J. Fineran 50, including four fives, Sparkes 38), defeated Sutton Forest, 99 (Strickland 42). Fineran and Owens took the wickets for Broadway.

The South Coast Commercial Travellers defeated the Nowra Half-holiday club on Wednesday. At a smoke concert, at which Mr. M. Coen presided, recitations were given by Messrs. Goldie and D. H. Berry.

## CYCLING AND MOTORING.

### TRAINING FOR THE SYDNEY THOUSAND.

As the time draws near when the qualifying races for the biggest cycling handicap contest in the world are run, the men who are still left in the £1000 event are busy, both morning and evening, putting the finishing touches to their preparation. There were on the track yesterday over 80 cyclists training during the fore and afternoon, and, as was to be expected, the men seeing that most of the inferior scorchers have been weeded out, gave some very fine exhibitions of pace-following and individual racing. The first man to put in an appearance was Bestel, who followed the Buchet motor for about four miles, when H. Gordon joined, and the pair did a few fast laps together. Soon after the retirement of these riders Thompson went for 17 laps, which he covered at a brisk pace. In the unpaced work Horder, Leseberg, Lear, Palmer, Clarke, Gerster, Shean, Wyatt, and Megson had quite a number of "brassard," in which Horder and Megson scored most points. Ellegaard and Rutt were out early in the morning, the Dane taking quiet exercise, as did Rutt. The latter rider is still suffering from the effects of his fall, and is not yet in his best condition. Of the other competitors, quite a number of the best are gone to Newcastle for the racing which began yesterday and finishes to-day. Amongst those to journey to the coal city were MacFarland, Lawson, Murphy, Houston, Scheps, Arnst, etc. All these riders will return on Friday night or late on Saturday morning in time to take part in the Sydney Thousand carnival.

### DRAW FOR THE SPECIAL SEMI-FINALS.

As the result of Wednesday night's racing on the Sydney Cricket Ground, in the third meeting of the Sydney Thousand Carnival, five riders have qualified for the final of the big handicap. Those qualified to date are:—Floyd MacFarland (U.S.A.), scr; T. Ellegaard (Denmark), scr; R. W. Morgan (Vic.), 60yds; E. Bestel (N.S.W.), 130yds; and W. T. Lear (Vic.), 140yds. Two special semi-finals will be run to-morrow night, out of which will emerge the remaining six required to complete the final. The racing, so far, has been of a very high order, and the two special semi-finals will be well up to the standard, as they are the last chances of the "next best."

The official handicapper of the League has drawn the two special heats as follows:—

First Heat.—N. M. Andersen, 40yds; R. Arnst, 50yds; F. A. Morphy, 60yds; G. H. Horder, 90yds; O. H. Brook, 90yds; E. T. Harris, 110yds; E. Leseberg, 140yds; A. C. Gilmore, 150yds; O. Clarke, 150yds; J. Rattray, 160yds.

Second Heat.—Ivor Lawson, scr; G. Farley, 10yds; W. M'Donald, 20yds; W. Palmer, 60yds; D. Sheehan, 70yds; B. P. Kett, 90yds; H. S. Joyce, 130yds; H. Gordon, 140yds; N. Craig, 140yds; A. Butler, 170yds.

The first three placed men in these heats will complete the final. A most casual glance at the names will show they will be hard fought-out races. There are five specially strong riders in the first heat, that is Andersen, Arnst, Horder, Brook, and Rattray, and the placed men should be found among those named. The men are well grouped, and will, in all probability, be together at the bell, and then we should see a fine finish. The second heat will be remarkable from the fact that Lawson makes his last bid for the final. All the men in front are speedy riders, and will make a determined effort to keep away from the back division. Lawson, however, is very quick off the mark, and will be on to Farley before the latter gets going. They will then have to set sail after M'Donald, and if he is caught quickly they have a chance. There must be no bungling of the pace, however, as they have no time to spare, the way Sheehan, Joyce, and Gordon are riding, and will probably not have their field till the final sprinting has started; it will be a hard race for Lawson, but, on present form, he should score.

Next in public interest will be the £50 Kent Plate, the competition for which opens to-morrow night. This is the classic scratch event of the N.S.W. season—a one-mile event, with prize money £50. Sixteen riders will compete, including Ellegaard, Lawson, MacFarland, Rutt, Farley, M'Donald, Walker, and Scheps. The race will be run in four heats and a final, and a fine series of scratch miles should result. Ellegaard and Lawson shine in this class of race, and their sprinting alone will be well worth going a long way to witness. Both riders are just now in their best form, and, apparently, there is little to choose between them, although it must be admitted that Ellegaard during the current carnival has shown the most brilliancy, jumping his opponents as if they were standing, and winning by yards in a wonderfully sustained burst of speed. The fight between the two in the last lap of the five-miles scratch on Wednesday night was an absolute treat. Ellegaard had the hardest ride, and when he broke away looked a sure winner, but Lawson gamely tackled him, and just won on the post. The Dane certainly had two very hard runs just prior to this event, and started racing a little too early, but it was a fine fight, and will be long remembered by everyone who saw it.

The great rivalry of the two cracks—Ellegaard and Lawson—was the cause of a special announcement yesterday by the league authorities. It appears that Ellegaard is not quite satisfied with the result of his last match with Lawson. It will be remembered that he was then riding under circumstances that entailed a big physical and nervous strain, and he does not think that he did himself justice. He is feeling well up to his best form now, and is satisfied by the way he has been riding at the current carnival that he will be able to give a better account of himself; therefore he has suggested a return match in the hope of wiping out his defeat. Negotiations have been pending, and the match is now announced; the conditions will be fixed on later. The date, however, has been fixed by the league authorities for next Wednesday night. Consequently the final for the Sydney Thousand Mile Handicap will be put back till Saturday night, the 25th instant. This should be a most interesting event, for as stated both men are at their top, and it will probably be their last match meeting in Australia this season, so that for the sake of their European reputation they will strain every nerve to secure a victory.

The dates for the continuation of the carnival will now read:—To-morrow (Saturday) night, special semi-finals, Sydney Thousand; and Kent Plate scratch heats. Monday night, Kent Plate final; and One Mile Championship of New South Wales. Next Wednesday night, match, three distances, Ellegaard v Lawson; and Challenge Team Scratch Race, Australian v Waringah clubs. And Saturday night week the final of the Sydney Thousand, when the carnival will conclude.

The one mile championship of this State is causing a good deal of local interest. Brook, the Goulburn rider, is the most favoured, with Megson and Horder well in the running. Mutton, Goodson, and Lyons are also fancied by their supporters. Although the ex-champion (Megson) is not showing up too well in the handicap, he may do better in a scratch race, as he has had much more experience in this class of racing than any of his opponents.

The challenge team race between the Australian and Waringah clubs should also provide a good contest. The Waringah's team will be selected from Brook, Horder, Larcombe, or Plunkett. This club have had the misfortune to lose the services of a good man, owing to G. McLean's accident. The Australians will find their three representatives from Megson, Mutton, Goodson, or Lyon. The distance is one mile, three men a side.

### NEWCASTLE CYCLING CARNIVAL.

NEWCASTLE, Thursday.

The fourth night of the carnival promoted by the Newcastle Amusement Company, Limited, was held to-night on the rugby football ground, in the presence of a satisfactory attendance numbering upwards of four thousand. Results:—

Stockton Handicap, 1m.—First heat: J. Rennie, 55yds, 1; S. A. Whyte, 70yds, 2; E. Leseberg, 10yds, 3. Won by a length. Time, 2m 10s. Second heat: O. G. Sherman, 80yds, 1; W. S. Verney, 50yds, 2; W. S. Bennett, 75yds, 3. Time, 2m 14s. Third heat: A. E. Myers, 70yds, 1; J. Pilgrim 85yds, 2; J. Howarth, 85yds, 3. Won by a length. Time, 2m 12 1-5s. Final: W. S. Bennett (Newcastle), 75yds, 1; W. S. Verney (Queensland), 50yds, 2; E. Leseberg (Sydney), 10yds, 3. A fine finish. Won by half a wheel. Time, 2m 19 2-5s.

The Zimmerman, ½m.—First in each heat and three fastest seconds start in final. First heat: Ivor Lawson, scr, 1; F. S. Hagney, 55yds, 2. Won by three lengths. Time, 1m 2-5s. Second heat: D. J. Plunkett, 60yds, 1; A. Dobbie, 50yds, 2. Time, 1m 6s. Third heat: J. Rennie, 95yds, 1; W. S. Baker, 90yds, 2. Won by half a wheel. Time, 55s. Fourth heat: C. H. Brook, 45yds, 1; J. M'Mahon, 55yds, 2. Time, 54 2-5s. Fifth heat: W. H. Atkinson, 95yds, 1; J. Doherty, 80yds, 2. Time, 1m 1-5s. Sixth heat: W. S. Verney, 95yds, 1; G. S. Lloyd, 100yds, 2. Time, 53s. Final: Ivor Lawson (U.S.A.), scr, 1; C. H. Brook (Goulburn), 45yds, 2; J. M'Mahon (Maitland), 55yds, 3. Lawson caught the leaders before the first half lap and won by half a length. Time, 1m 1 1-5s.

Newcastle Wheel Race, 1m. First and second in each heat, and third in two fastest heats, to start in final, to be run to-morrow (Friday) night.—First heat: Ivor Lawson, scr, 1; G. H. Horder, 80yds, 2; F. A. Murphy, 60yds, 3. Won by a length. Time, 2m 11 1-5s. Second heat: J. McMahon, 110yds, 1; T. Larcombe, 120yds, 2; F. MacFarland, scr, 3. No other starters. Time, 2m 3 2-5s. Third heat: C. H. Brook, 90yds, 1; W. Houston, 70yds, 2; R. Arnst, 50yds, 3. Won by a length. Time, 2m 5 1-2s. Fourth heat: J. H. Rennie, 185yds, 1; S. A. Wayte, 200yds, 2; A. J. Gilmore, 150yds, 3. Won by two lengths. Time, 2m 1 1-5s. Fifth heat: W. S. Verney, 190yds, 1; T. Mills, 100yds, 2; E. Leseberg, 140yds, 3. Won by half a length. Time, 2m 5 2-5s. Sixth heat: W. H. Atkinson, 190yds, 1; A. Howarth, 210yds, 2; H. E. Creighton, 180yds, 3. Won by half a wheel. Time, 2m 6s.

The Lawson, 5 Miles Invitation Scratch Race. Pacing prizes, 5s per lap.—Ivor Lawson, U.S.A., 1; F. MacFarland, U.S.A., 2; R. Arnst, N.Z., 3. Sixteen started. It was a well-contested race up to the first four miles, after which only five were left in it, namely, the two Americans, Arnst, Plunkett, and Houston. The two latter then held the lead until just before the bell went. Arnst then shot to the front, followed by MacFarland. Arnst took them along for about half a lap, when MacFarland passed him, with Lawson on his wheel. It was a ding dong finish between Lawson and MacFarland, the former winning by about half a length, MacFarland beating Arnst for second place by three of four yards. Time, 11m 29s. The carnival will be continued to-morrow night.

QUEANBEYAN, Thursday.

A largely attended meeting was held last night, Mr. R. Hayes presiding. It was unanimously decided to form a cycle club. The following officers were elected:—Patrons, Mr. Austin Chapman, M.P., and Mr. A. M. Millard, M.L.A.; president, Mr. R. Hayes; hon. secretary, Mr. R. Fallick; race secretary, Mr. W. E. Gale; treasurer, Mr. L. M. Fell; auditors, Messrs. Carr, Boyd, and Harrison; committee, Messrs. E. O. Moore, P. G. Naylor, T. E. Woodyer, A. Collett, J. H. Hincksman, L. Dunshea, Theo. Cooper, and A. M'Innes. It was decided to affiliate with the Western Union. The membership fee was fixed at 5s, and the ladies at 2s 6d. The club promises to be very successful.

## LAWN TENNIS.

CANDELO, Thursday.

The Candelo Lawn Tennis Club held their annual meeting last night. The following officers were elected:—President, Mr. J. A. Brown; hon. secretary, Mr. E. Allen; hon. treasurer, Mr. O. Hinder; committee, Messrs. E. W. Excell, Robertson, B. Walter, E. Chegwidden, and F. Bower.

## ATHLETICS.

### T. F. KEANE AGAINST RECORD.

The American sprinter, T. F. Keane, was unsuccessful in his endeavour to reduce the existing professional world's record over 220 yards, which has stood to the credit of Harry Hutchens, of Putney, since 1885; still he managed to equal the record, a performance which will more than rank on an equality with the achievement of the Londoner, since Keane covered the distance in 21 4-5secs., exactly the same figures as those created by Hutchens, under adverse weather conditions. The attempt took place at Glasgow.

WELLINGTON, Thursday.

A. R. Shrubb, in an interview at Dunedin, said he felt he would be unable to do himself justice in the mile race at Christchurch on Saturday. He would only appear in the three-mile championship on Friday. Before leaving New Zealand he hoped to cut out a mile in 4m 22s, or 4m 23s. The Sydney climate, he said, was too hot, and the tracks were not adapted for record-breaking.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY SPORTS.

BROKEN HILL, Thursday.

A general holiday was observed yesterday, and the St. Patrick's Day sports were held at the Western Oval. There was a large attendance. The new bicycle and running tracks were declared open by the Mayor, Ald. Harvey. Results:—

Sheffield Handicap, 130yds: Raynor, 1; Kidman, 2; O'Leary, 3.

Friendly Societies' 100yds: Cleary, 1; Virgo, 2; Muller, 3.

Bicycle.—Half mile: Hulbert, 1; Pyke, 2; Nayda, 3. Two miles: Nayda, 1; Hulbert, 2; Castling, 3.

## HURLING.

The annual meeting of the New South Wales Hurling Association was held on Thursday. The report and balance-sheet were adopted, on the motion of Mr. W. Walsh, seconded by Mr. J. Furlong, and supported by Messrs. D. O'Brien and M. P. Furlong. The officers elected were:—Patron, Mr. E. W. O'Sullivan, M.L.A.; president, Mr. M. P. Furlong; treasurer, Mr. C. Duffy; vice-presidents, Messrs. W. Walsh, E. Ryan, P. Lynch, J. Meagher (Bathurst), F. J. Freehill; committee, Messrs. J. Furlong, D. O'Brien, P. Begley, J. Roberts, J. Clara, M. Farrell, and J. Foley; secretary, Mr. F. Foster.

## WRESTLING.

### THE ART OF JAPANESE SELF-DEFENCE.

There can be little doubt that the Japanese style of wrestling or self-defence which has been so skilfully illustrated of late at the variety halls by Tani is a wonderful system of all-round physical culture and self-defence (says the London "Sportsman" of January 28). It is really the art of defeating brute strength by exact methods of skill and science. It has made the Japanese, though small in stature, wonderful athletes, and given them health, endurance, vitality, and cheerfulness of temperament. The balance of the human body has been carefully studied in order to upset a man without using strength, likewise human anatomy in order to find out quick ways of rendering a person helpless. To defend oneself by sleight of body, to take ingenious advantage of the human anatomy, to defeat one's opponent by utilising his strength—these are the subtle teachings of Ju-jitsu. Last evening there was a demonstration of the science by professors of the Japanese school of wrestling, Oxford-street, W., at Chelsea Barracks. Under the patronage of Major-General L. Oliphant, C.B., Colonel D. G. Probyn (Irish Guards), Colonel Fox (late Inspector of Army Gymnasia), Colonel Napier (Inspector of Army Gymnasia), Major Fielding (Coldstream Guards), and Captain M'Calmont (Irish Guards), a large company, consisting mainly of non-commissioned officers and men of the Guards, in addition to several ladies, put in an appearance, and were greatly interested in the display. Mr. Allerdale Grainger officiated as M.C., and in a short speech explaining the advantages of Ju-Jitsu and its great use as a supplementary art to British boxing and wrestling. Messrs. Miyake, Tani, Kanaya, and Eida demonstrated all manner of throws and locks, elementary and advanced, their personal quickness, strategy, and cleverness being frequently recognised by hearty applause. Subsequently Tani engaged in bouts with Corporal Anderson, 1st Batt. Scots Guards, and Private Lee, 1st Grenadier Guards, and, though his antagonists were each a couple of stone heavier, he defeated both with ease. Miyake, the champion of the Western style in Japan, also encountered Private Wall, of the Irish Guards, who failed to resist the Jap.'s wonderful science.

## SAILING.

The Royal Sydney Yacht Squadron, in addition to the ladies' yacht race on Saturday week, will also hold a sweepstake for boats on the supplementary list.

### MIDDLE HARBOUR CLUB v PORT JACKSON SKIFF CLUB—CHALLENGE SKIFF RACE.

Arrangements have been completed for the team race to be sailed on Saturday afternoon. The following are the competitors representing each club:—Middle Harbour: Mimosa (J. Sharp or Geo. Snow), Esmeralda (J. Alderton), Fig Tree (C. Lyons), and Hinemoa (C. Malley), emergency Kiwi (H. Lyons or A. M. Doudney). Port Jackson Club: Lina (F. A. Lomer), Florrie (H. M. Rodrick), Owenee (T. M. Banks), and Novice (T. Phillips), emergency Romp (A. J. Hanson). The officials of the day are: Messrs. T. G. Wilson (M.H.C.), timekeeper and judge; G. Bowen (P.J.S.C.), starter and umpire. The start is fixed for 3.30, and the course adopted is from a line in Neutral Bay, thence round Lightship, Sow and Pigs, Shark Island, starter's boat in Neutral Bay, P. and O. buoy, and finishing between flag mark and starter's boat in Neutral Bay. The race is causing a deal of interest between the clubs, and a keen contest is looked forward to. The Rev. J. Cosh is presenting a trophy for first prize, and a silk pennant will be awarded the winning team, and also to the first of the losing team. The option rests with the officials to shorten the course should they deem the wind too light to finish the course set out. For the convenience of all those desiring to follow the race the steamer Kiora has been engaged, and will leave wharfs at Drummoyne, Balmain, and Neutral Bay.

## SWIMMING.

### NORTH SYDNEY CLUB.

This club brought off a 200yds. team race on Tuesday, at the municipal baths, Lavender Bay. In the final half a yard only divided the four teams at the finishing board. Results:—

First heat.—No. 2 team, 1s, 1; No. 3 team, 5s, 2; No. 5 team, 0s, 3. Time, 2h 10s.

Second Heat.—No. 4 team, 5s, 1; No. 1 team, scr, 2; No. 8 team, 17s, 3. Time, 2m 12s.

Final.—No. 4 team (A. Jerrems, W. Blue, C. Reynolds), 5s, 1; No. 1 team (C. G. R. Wilson, G. Tartakover, C. D. Bell), scr, 2; No. 2 team (N. J. Humphreys, L. Levick, F. H. Schwarz), 1s, 3. Time, 2m 14 1-5s.

### REDFERN CLUB.

The following handicaps have been declared for the final 54yds event of the above club. A consolation handicap will also take place:—A. Wileman, scr; W. Riley, H. Brier, W. Wells, 2; C. Trim, 3; T. M'Mahon, A. Freeman, 4; C. Mason, H. Chapman, H. Neilson, 5; S. Brown, A. Smith, S. Bugeest, 6; A. Freebairn, R. Walsh, J. Buchan, S. M'Namara, S. Godfrey, A. Pinson, 8; J. Paterson, A. Pointing, 9; H. Wilson, L. Wright, P. Pointing, C. Purves, 10; J. Brier, J. Freebairn, W. Walsh, 11; P. Wilson, G. Murray, 12; A. Brown, 14; P. Smith, 16; G. Wells, L. Mitchell, H. White, 22; J. Mitchell, 25.

### MARRICKVILLE WEST PUBLIC SCHOOL.

The second annual carnival of the Marrickville West Superior Public School Swimming Club was held at Brighton-le-Sands baths on Wednesday, with the following results:—

Junior Race.—C. Seyffer, 1; R. Simpson, 2.

Senior Race.—Boughton, 1; Henderson, Sherborn, dead heat, 2.

Neatest Header.—A. Bladwell, 1; J. Evans, 2.

Long Dive.—G. Tichborne, 53ft, 1. Time, 23s.

Learners' Race.—C. Gostelow, 1; L. Hayton, 2.

Wading Race.—J. Heal, 1; S. Bailey, 2.

100yds Championship.—F. Tichborne, 1; G. Henderson, 2. Time, 1m 21 3-5s.

At the conclusion of the racing C. Tichborne (10 years) gave an exhibition swim of 800 yards.

This club has a membership of 120 boys, and during the season 32 have been taught to swim.

At the East Sydney Club's carnival on Saturday the following will represent the club in the 500yds Flying squadron teams race:—L. Murray, J. S. Phillips, G. Tartakover, R. M'Kelvey, and C. Childs. B team: C. D. Bell, G. L. Roberts, W. H. Watson, and A. Jerrems.

## PIGEON SHOOTING.

### NEW SOUTH WALES GUN CLUB.

Open sweepstake shooting took place at the club's ground on Wednesday, the first sweep being at £2, and the remainder at £1. Results:—First sweep (13 competitors): *Herbert (29½), L. N. Walford (28), G. Ryrie (23), and J. Bell (25), divided at the eighth bird. Second sweep (16 competitors): *Herbert (29½), *Ian (26), Jas. Clarke (24), and W. Cumming (23), divided at the eleventh bird. Third sweep (15 competitors): L. N. Walford (28), Jos. Clarke (24), *Canuck (24), and H. C. Strahorn (21), divided at the twelfth bird.

### GRAND PRIX DU CASINO.

The Grand Prix du Casino, of 800 sovs and a work of art, added to a sweepstakes of 8 sovs each, has been won by Signor Grasselli (Italian). There were 62 shooters when the sixth round was called. Schiannini missed an easy bird from the left-end trap, and then Perego followed suit, and Geynet, getting a good bird, also missed. Roberts was unfortunate enough to fail on a very smart bird from the middle trap, which got out of bounds and fell dead in the sea. Only eight killed six out of six—Mackintosh, Eze, Meran, L. Grasselli, Vapelagrana, Beresford, Thonin, and Marconcini. Lord Rosslyn (who had been shooting well) failed to answer to his name when called, and was given a miss. Mackintosh had a strong bird, which tipped the barrier and fell in the sea; and then Eze had a narrow escape, a dog alone getting the wounded bird. In the eighth round, the wind being absolutely still, all killed, and a breeze sprang up for the ninth round. Meran, Vapelagrana, and Thonin missed, leaving Grasselli, Eze, Beresford, and Marconcini with nine out of nine. There was no change during the next round, and hopes were entertained respecting the chances of Beresford and Eze, who were shooting well and in fine form. Unfortunately, both of them broke down in the eleventh round, and the Italians, with Grasselli and Marconcini, were assured of victory. Both Italians killed 12 out of 12, and then shot off the ties for a work of art, consisting of a handsome silver-gilt tea service. Signor Grasselli repeated the performance of 1902, and won with 19 out of 19, taking 24,000 francs; Signor Marconcini was second, with 18 out of 19, and then, in shooting off the ties for places, Signor Petrosini (another Italian) was third, with 16 out of 17, and took 7840 francs, while Mr. Beresford and the Marquis Villavicosa, each killing 15 out of 17, divided 5880 francs. Signors Grasselli and Marconcini were both loudly cheered, since both shot well, while Mr. Mackintosh and Mr. Beresford had very hard luck. Signor Grasselli has now placed his name on the marble tablets for the second time, and the Italians have made a record in securing the first three places. The Italians have now won 11 times, against 12 victories scored by the English.

## BILLIARDS.

### 750 POINTS IN SEVENTY MINUTES.

In the course of his match with Reece, who received 5500 in 18,000, Roberts on one occasion obtained his points for the session, 750, in seventy minutes. He played magnificently, and had matters all his own way. First he increased his incomplete 107 to 254, and later he contributed 185, 233, and 97, and got his 750 points in nine innings.

## OUR TRAMS, DRIVERS, AND GUARDS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Being an old and regular reader of your valuable paper, I venture to ask your permission to make a few remarks respecting our trams, drivers, and guards. It seems strange to me that after all the numerous complaints made and published we have to wait for some foreigner ("Australian-American" and others), disgusted with the constant condemnation of our trams, drivers, and guards, to take up the cudgels in their defence, and make comparisons with other countries, greatly in our favour. Have we not some in our midst ready to say a word in their behalf? I can only conclude that the majority of travellers are satisfied, and deem it waste of time to reply to such paltry complaints as issue from the few thoughtless discontents. What is the matter with our trams? We are told by those who have travelled other countries, and therefore know, that they compare most favourably with those they have met with. Then our drivers are without doubt capable and painstaking men. This is evidenced in the scarcity of accidents. Our guards, I have no hesitation in saying, are a competent, courteous, and obliging body of men. I maintain they have an anxious, laborious, and worrying occupation at a wage certainly not princely. Even if we carefully inquire into their many duties we should fail fully to realise their responsible positions. They must be young, strong, and active, always on the move from car to car, carefully watching the passengers and the starting, etc, of the trams. At the same time they must sell tickets, give change, and through it all make no mistakes. With all this they have to put up with language and remarks general and personal, which they have not the opportunity, if they had the inclination, to resent. We should be astonished if amongst the hundreds employed we did not find some mistakes. There must be few, or we should surely hear of them. I could, and I believe numbers of travellers could, give instances, actually witnessed, of gentlemanly, courteous, and kindly actions performed by these men. Then their work is performed in all weathers and at all hours. I think, in conclusion, we have little to complain about and much to be thankful for in our trams, drivers, and guards.

I am, etc., OBSERVER.

## A CHANCE FOR OUR GIRLS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—I quite agree with the remarks of your correspondent Jean Ross. I think it about time that our youths began to learn "some useful toil or art" instead of tinkering with a pen or a typewriter. Clerks will never build a great nation, for that we need men of action, and if Australia is to be developed by our own people then our boys will have to change their ideas and eschew the office. I hope our Public school teachers will discontinue preparing boys for clerical examinations, and, as Mr. Carruthers is trying to settle people on the land, it would be as well if he issued instructions to the teachers not to encourage boys to compete for examinations when the end in view is to get positions in offices.

I am, etc., CANADA.

## TAN BARK FROM GUM TREES.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—During the last year or two a considerable industry has sprung up in Western Australia in the export of the bark of a gum tree for tanning purposes. The bark in question is that of the "Flat-topped Yate" (Eucalyptus occidentalis), but it has been shipped under the name of "Mallet" bark, a strictly local name confined to King George's Sound. This bark, shipped during 1904 to the extent of over 5000 tons, has created considerable interest in Europe, and I have from time to time received inquiries concerning it from three different European countries. Mr. E. M. Holmes writes an interesting article on it in the "Pharmaceutical Journal;" and Prof. H. R. Procter, who holds the chair of leather industries at Leeds, speaks of it as "one of the strongest natural tanning materials we have had through our hands."

In Europe and America there are practically inexhaustible markets for good tanning materials. Australia supplies large quantities of wattle bark, or Mimosa, as it is known in the trade. Last year large quantities of mangrove bark were shipped to Europe from Northern Queensland.

My object in writing to you is to point out that I see no reason why New South Wales should not have a considerable share in supplying astringent gum tree barks of the world. I have taken an interest in tanning materials for many years, and feel that New South Wales is destined to supply much of the world's supply of such substances in the form of the raw product or extract. I have a small specimen of the "Mallet" bark whose export has proved so remunerative, and it is a smooth bark, not thick, evidently from small trees, and it is slightly stained with gum (kino). The tree which produces it has a number of near relations in New South Wales. I advise experiments to be made with the Forest Red Gum (Eucalyptus tereticornis) and also with the Manna and Ribbony Gums (E. viminalis and E. Gunnii). There are a number of forms or varieties of these species, or at least of two of them, and while other gum-barks should not be neglected these, at least, should be carefully experimented with. The best way to get experimental samples of these barks in the first place will be to fell the trees when the sap is up. As the bark shrinks it will crack and peel off the log, so that it can be readily collected. It will be a matter for observation to ascertain at what season of the year the gum-trees contain the largest amount of tanning principle. I am quite aware that in bygone years it has been asserted that Eucalyptus leather is brittle. But this may not be the case with all species, and perhaps combination with other tanning materials will get over this difficulty. At all events the fact remains that Western Australia, the pluckiest of the States in her export of raw vegetable products, finds it has a remunerative industry in this article.

The market for such substances is a very extensive one, and I do trust that our tanners, many of whom are most progressive, will make the necessary experiments (free from all prejudices of the past) with the most astringent of our gum-tree barks, for, as one who has given some attention to Eucalyptus, it seems incredible to me that Western Australian barks of this class can be superior to those of the eastern part of the Continent.

Depend upon it, we not only require to find additional outlets for our products of known utility, but in this country of ours, so imperfectly exploited as regards its natural products, we require to watch unceasingly for their utilitarian employment.

I am, etc., J. H. MAIDEN,
Botanic Gardens, March 16. Director.

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## UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY.

### RESULTS OF EXAMINATIONS.

The results of the examinations for matriculation and for entrance to the various faculties recently held are published below. At the matriculation examination there were 262 candidates, of whom 153 passed. At the entrance examination for law, medicine, and science there were 51 candidates, of whom 26 passed and 10 qualified for matriculation. Those whose names are marked with the letter (E) are qualified for entrance to the department of engineering:—

### MATRICULATION EXAMINATION.

Pass.

Lily W. M. Anderson, Ascham, Darling Point.
Elinor F. Anderson, College for Girls, North Sydney.
Edward S. Anderson, the Armidale School.
Katie Ardill, Wellesley College.
Millicent S. H. Armstrong, The New School, Shirley, Edgecliff.
A. M. Aspinall, The Scots College.
Victoria Bankhead, Maryborough Girls' Grammar School.
H. N. C. Barlex, private study.
J. E. Bateman, Boys' Public High School, Sydney.
J. Baxendale, Sydney Grammar School.
F. Blaxland, Sydney Grammar School.
G. A. Blumer, Boys' Public High School, Sydney.
S. Booth, The Scots College.
F. K. Borton, All Saints' College, Bathurst.
Myril MacD. Bowman, Presbyterian Ladies' College, Croydon.
Margaret Boylan, Rosebank College, Five Dock.
Birdie K. Brodziak, Riviere College, Woollahra.
M. C. Brown, Boys' Public High School, East Maitland.
H. C. Bundock, Sydney Grammar School.
Ella M. Butler, Model Public School, Fort-street.
Maggie Campbell, Girls' Public High School, Sydney.
Johanna Carey, St. Joseph's, Perth, New South Wales.
Ursula M. Carter, Ascham, Darling Point.
Rachel Clouston, Presbyterian Ladies' College.
Kathleen B. Coatsworth, Burwood Ladies' College.
Lillian Collins, Hurlstone Training College.
Laura M. Cook, Superior Public School, Kogarah.
C. C. Crane, Mr. W. B. Mewton, B.A.
Edith Croft, Hurlstone Training College.
A. W. Cusbert, private study.
H. Debenham, The King's School.
Alice H. Deffell, Mr. G. R. Smith, M.A.
Lucy N. Densley, Girls' Public High School, West Maitland.
O. G. Dent, Sydney Church of England Grammar School, North Sydney.
Violet L. De Putron, Girls' Public High School, Sydney.
L. Desgrand, The Scots College.
Nora L. Dickson, Model Public School, Fort-street.
Elsie M. Doyle, Miss Newton, Caerleon College.
Elsie M. P. Duesbury, Miss E. E. Small, M.A., Orange.
H. G. Edwards, Mr. J. Leonard.
Marjorie Edwards, Miss Clarke, Abbotsleigh.
A. H. Fenwick, Mr. W. J. Binns, M.A.
Ethel V. Ferguson, S.P.S., Kogarah.
Una L. Fielding, Clergy Daughters' School.
Blanche Fitz, Miss E. C. Baxter.
Mabel D. Fitzpatrick, Hurlstone Training College and Mr. F. Bevill, M.A.
Emily M. F[illegible], Ascham, Darling Point.
W. Forsyth, [illegible] J. Butler, B.A.
W. S. Forsyth, Mr. F. Bevill, M.A.
H. W. Fry, Mr. J. F. M'Manamey.
A. H. Gauld, King's College, Goulburn.
Lilian E. Geer, Hurlstone College and Mr. F. Bevill, M.A.
F. Gom[illegible], Mr. L. F. Meagher, B.A.
E. E. Grey, private study.
T. H. Grey, private study.
Euphrosyne [illegible], The New School, Shirley, Edgecliff.
Ada A. Hadfield, S.P.S., Goulburn.
A. N. St. G. Handcock-Burkitt, King's College, Goulburn.
B. J. M. Harrison, Model Public School, Fort-street.
J. W. Hayes, Fort-street Training College.
C. Henry, The King's School, Parramatta.
Kathleen M. Herlihy, S.P.S., Kogarah.
A. W. Hicks, Fort-street Training College.
Susan A. Hodson, Maryborough Girls' Grammar School.
G. C. Howard, St. Aloysius' College, Milson's Point.
Lily I. Hudson, Model Public School, Fort-street.
H. G. Humphries, Sydney Grammar School.
W. E. Hunt, Fort-street Training College.
Margaret Ives, Model Public School, Fort-street.
Myra I. Jones, Presbyterian Ladies' College.
Joyce M. Jopling, St. Hiliers, Stanmore.
F. Kenny, Mrs. George, B.A., Bathurst.
G. T. Lane, Model Public School, Fort-street.
L. J. D. Lauder, S.P.S., Balmain.
R. L. Laurence, Eltham College, Ashfield.
J. Leaver, S.P.S., Junee.
D. Lees, C. of E. Grammar School, Melbourne.
Hilda V. Light, Girls' Public High School, W. Maitland.
G. Lindeman, Sydney Grammar School.
C. C. Linton, Sydney C. of E. Grammar School, North Sydney.
Rosine Lion, Miss J. Skillman.
Nellie Lodder, private study.
Mildred Lovell, Hurlstone Training College and Mr. F. Bevill, M.A.
H. V. Macintosh, Sydney Grammar School.
Olive M. Malcolm, Model Public School, Fort-street.
Alison M. Marsh, Girls' Public High School, Sydney.
Minnie Matheson, S.P.S., Kogarah.
Mary E. Mobbs, St. Vincent's College.
W. H. Moffitt, Sydney Grammar School.
Olive V. Moore, private study.
E. S. Morris, Sydney Grammar School.
Annie M. Morrison, Mr. W. B. Mewton, M.A.
C. V. Murphy, Sydney Grammar School.
R. Muscio, Mr. C. E. G. Musmann, B.A.
A. C. M'Donald, Boys' Public High School, East Maitland.
F. E. M'Elhone, St. Aloysius' College, Milson's Point.
W. B. M'Ilwraith, Mr. W. B. Mewton, M.A.
A. M'Kean, Mr. W. B. Mewton, M.A.
Rachel M'Kibbin, High School for Girls, Bathurst.
S. M'Lennan, Toowoomba Grammar School.
W. M'Master, King's College, Goulburn.
Lilias H. Norrie, The New School, Shirley, Edgecliff.
J. M. S. Olsen, Mr. H. T. Lovell.
W. H. S. Pearce, private study.
V. W. Peterson, Training College, Fort-street.
S. H. E. Playoust, St. Aloysius' College, Milson's Point.
F. G. A. Pockley, Sydney C. of E. Grammar School, North Sydney.
R. B. Pocock, Camden College.
Louie Priestley, S.P.S., Kogarah.
Emily M. Read, The New School, Shirley, Edgecliff.
S. K. Read, Barker College, Hornsby.
S. A. Richards, Brisbane Grammar School.
L. J. Reynolds, King's School, Parramatta.
E. H. Rich, Mr. W. J. E. Davies, B.A., LL.B.
F. L. Ritchie, private study.
Clara Roseby, private study.
C. C. Ross, Model Public School, Fort-street.
Doris M. A. Roughton, Model Public School, Fort-street.
B. B. Ruse, Sydney Grammar School.
T. L. F. Rutledge, King's College, Goulburn.
P. J. Sharp, Sydney Grammar School.
P. A. Sherwin, Mr. L. F. Meagher, B.A.
F. Short, Training College, Fort-street.
R. I. Simpson, Sydney C. of E. Grammar School, N. Sydney.
E. A. Sinclair, Mr. W. J. E. Davies, B.A., LL.B.
G. W. Sinclair, Sydney C. of E. Grammar School, N. Sydney.
Ethel M. Small, Mr. L. F. Meagher, B.A.
C. A. Smith, King's College, Goulburn.
H. A. C. Smith, King's College, Goulburn.
Josephine E. Smith, private study.
Katherine W. Stephens, The New School, Shirley, Edgecliff.
A. L. Stafford, Sydney Grammar School.
J. N. Stephen, Mr. J. T. Dudley, B.A.
J. C. W. Stretch, Boys' Public High School, East Maitland.
W. J. Taylor, private study.
E. G. Thomson, The Scots College.
A. C. Traill, Mudgee Grammar School.
M. A. Traill, Sydney Grammar School.
E. B. M. Vance, private study.
K. F. Vickery, Sydney Grammar School.
W. T. S. Wall, Model Public School, Fort-street.
J. Walker, Mr. W. B. Mewton, M.A.
Ethel L. Watts, Hurlstone Training College.
J. E. Webb, Boys' Public High School, Sydney.
H. L. St. Vincent-Welch, Sydney C. of E. Grammar School.
J. S. N. Wheeler, Mr. W. B. Mewton, M.A.
A. H. Whitney, Model Public School, Fort-street.
H. W. Whyte, Camden College.
W. J. Wilkinson, King's College, Goulburn.
Edith Willington, S.P.S., Kogarah.
Mabel R. Woodlands, Hurlstone College, and Mr. F. Bevill, M.A.
F. C. Wooster, Mr. W. B. Mewton, M.A.
E. Wunderlich, Mr. W. J. Curtis, M.A., LL.B.
A. G. Young, Mr. W. B. Mewton, M.A.

### ENTRANCE EXAMINATION FOR LAW, MEDICINE, AND SCIENCE.

A. S. D. Barton, All Saints' College, Bathurst.
F. S. Brierley, Mr. E. A. Brearley, B.A.
W. S. Brooks, Mudgee Grammar School.
(E) W. B. Coward, Mudgee Grammar School.
(E) G. E. Cowdery, Mr. E. A. Brearley, B.A.
R. J. English, King's College, Goulburn.
Margheritta M. Freeman, Mr. L. F. Meagher, B.A.
L. E. Hill, Brisbane Grammar School.
Elaine M. Little, Messrs. M. H. Brydon and R. M'L. Riddell.
J. J. Loddy, St. Joseph's College, Nudgee, Q.
(E) K. B. Gaden, W. J. E. Davies, B.A., LL.B.
(E) S. F. M'Donald, Mr. J. G. Cribb, M.A., Brisbane.
(E) C. L. S. Macintosh, Mr. F. J. Butler, B.A.
J. Middleton, Newington College.
A. J. Newton, private study.
G. Norrie, The Scots College.
(E) L. R. Parker, Mr. W. J. E. Davies, B.A., LL.B.
C. N. Paul, Mr. F. J. Butler, B.A.
(e) A. B. Rancland, Newcastle Collegiate School.
(e) R. Roger, Mr. W. J. E. Davies, B.A., LL.B.
(e) W. J. Stack, Mr. W. H. W. Nicholls, B.A., and Mr. W. J. E. Davies, B.A.
(e) J. C. Storey, Mr. R. J. Tillyard, B.A., and Sydney Grammar School.
G. L. Tait, Mudgee Grammar School.
(e) E. P. Taylor, King's School, Parramatta.
(e) W. Tomkinson, Boys' Public High School, Sydney.
(e) L. L. Waterhouse, private study.
(e) T. Wilkins, Model Public School, Fort-street.

The following have qualified for matriculation:—

G. C. Byrne, Messrs. F. J. Butler, B.A., W. J. E. Davies, B.A., LL.B.
A. T. Chapple, Mr. C. W. Rock.
G. A. C. Douglas, Miss Newsham, B.A., and Rev. H. H. Dixon, B.A.
T. C. Hinder, Boys' Public High School, East Maitland.
H. L. Kesteven, private study.
W. L. Millett, Newington College.
R. L. Newmarch, C. of E. Grammar School, North Sydney.
H. H. Poggioli, Mr. R. C. Teece, M.A., LL.B.
W. G. Sheilshear, Mr. W. H. W. Nicholls, B.A.
A. Tarleton, Mr. F. J. Butler, B.A.

Peter Nicol Russell scholarships for mechanical and electrical engineering:—

1. G. B. Carleton, Mr. L. F. Meagher, B.A.
2. W. L. Ada, private study.
3. A. B. B. Rancland, Newcastle Collegiate School and Sydney Technical College.

### FACULTY OF ARTS.

First Year Deferred Examination.

Passed.

C. Ascher
F. L. Ash
C. G. Berge
J. P. Chard
Bertha E. Crane
Margaret E. David
Isabel R. H. Davis
N. G. Ducker
Mabel L. Dunlop
C. W. Fowler
Eliz. I. Hamilton-Browne
Mabel Harker
Norah St. G. Lee
J. F. Lydall
W. M. M'Lennan
H. R. Miller
C. S. Molesworth
G. G. Nathan
F. North
F. C. Philip
T. W. V. Read
W. E. K. Robertson
Katherine Robinson
Mabel H. Robinson
J. McD. Royle
Edith M. Sherwood
Ida M. Smithers
A. H. Teece
W. R. Thompson
Ettie Wallach
G. D. K. Waldron

Evening Students.

D. H. Berry
R. C. Edwards
M. Fitzgerald
Edith E. Fox
*R. Giltinan (one-half)
E. N. Gowing
A. F. Hunt
C. W. Leavers (one-half)
W. M'Donald
L. J. M'Kean
A. W. Mobbs
D. K. Otton (one-half)
R. A. Page
W. M. West

* Unmatriculated.

Second Year Deferred Examination.

Passed.

(e) R. Anderson
(e) I. E. Easterbrook
(e) C. A. Gale
Dorothy Vine-Hall
Florence M. Holden
(e) F. E. Loxton
A. L. M'Lean
Laura MacFarlane
(e) R. J. Middleton
(e) L. E. Penman
H. W. Redgrave
Alice O. R. Rhodes
(e) P. D. Shortland
(e) S. V. Toose
(e) H. R. Waring

(e) Evening Student.

Third Year Deferred Examination.

Passed.

A. C. Ascham
(e) I. M. Barrow (philosophy)
(e) A. J. Coombes
(e) L. A. Harris (philosophy)
Millicent Fox
H. P. Melville
Florence I. M. Oakes
L. A. Redgrave
A. H. Tebbutt

(e) Evening Student.

## ROMANCE OF A SHAKESPEARIAN QUARTO.

A discovery of great intrinsic value, and of extraordinary interest to book-lovers, has lately been made in the house of a countrywoman in Sweden. It consists of no less than an almost perfect 1594 quarto of Shakespeare's play, "Titus Andronicus." It is a find that the most level-headed bibliophile can be excused for raving over, for no single copy of the first edition has ever been known to exist. That is to say, that although in Arber's "Transcript of the Registers of Stationers of London," one finds the edition recorded, yet most bibliographers have, in the absence of proof, hitherto regarded this as a sham entry—a not uncommon occurrence it would appear. But now, in Sweden, has been discovered, after the lapse of centuries, this splendid piece of unmutilated evidence. The entry in question in the Register is that of John Danter, publisher, probably also printer of the work, and is dated February 6, 1594. It runs as follows:—

"Entred for his copye under the handes of bothes the wardens a book intituled a Noble Romaine Historye of Tytus Andronicus." The fine for entry is marked down as 6d.

Discussing the great find last night, one of our best known bibliographers informed our representative that he had received the news on December 7 last. His informant was the librarian of Lund University, into whose care the quarto had been entrusted for the time being. He had immediately written out offering £100 for the relic. This was refused, and he had since been commissioned by a friend to offer £300. But it would probably fetch more—anything between £600 and £1000.

"Will it come to England?" "Yes, I expect so; but, I fear, not to stay. It will probably be put up at Sotheby's, and find a home in America. It is a dreadful pity, but the British Museum can't afford to buy it at a high price."

In further discussion, our representative was told that the only blemish in the book consisted of the absence of about 10 words, which had been erased or scraped from the text in some manner. More copies had, of course, been published, but they must all have perished—such a find with regard to that edition could never occur again. The second quarto of "Titus Andronicus" had appeared in 1600; only two copies of that were known to be in existence. The next edition was that of 1611. This was a sixpenny book, and had almost certainly been bought at the door of the theatre and taken over to Sweden by some idle stranger. There was a note in Henslowe's Diary for 1594 to the effect that he had gained £3 8s on January 22 by a new piece, which he styled "Titus and ondronicus." Henslowe was the owner of the Rose Theatre.

The Irving Shakespeare, it may be mentioned, treats the 1600 edition as the first, though the author allows a note referring to Langbaine's "Dramatic Poetry" (1691), in which work it is stated that "Titus Andronicus" was first printed quarto in London in 1594, and goes on to say that even at that early date no copy of the edition had survived. This reference to Langbaine greatly adds to the interest of the discovery.—Standard.

## COMPENSATION FOR THE DESERVING.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Permit me to briefly respond to Canon Boyce's letter in your issue of the 15th inst, in which he directly challenges me to put forward a source from which compensation to dispossessed hotelkeepers might be obtained. This is a matter that requires very careful consideration, and the question to me in my official position is hardly a fair one, as any ideas expressed by me on the subject may not coincide with the ideas of those I have the honour to represent. To show the Canon that I do not wish to evade the question, I will pass his innuendos without comment, and unofficially say that in my opinion the fairest manner of raising a compensation fund would be to earmark, so to speak, a portion of the immense revenue derived by the Government by the traffic for the purpose of compensating the publicans who may be deprived of their living under a local option vote.

Your correspondent's statistics (although based on the law of average) are generally fairly correct, but in this instance I regret to have to refute his statements re the Customs and excise duties, and to say that the figures of Messrs. Hammond and Arthur are out of all proportion. However, as this has little to do with the vital question of compensation, I will pass it by.

The persistency in which your correspondent adheres to the "rich" brewer quotation is getting monotonous, and whilst on this particular phase of the question I would respectfully point out to the reverend gentleman that the shareholders in our breweries (which give so much work to the masses) are not by any means all "drawing-room" men. There are hundreds in the very ordinary walks of life who have invested their modest few pounds in brewery shares, including a fair proportion of ecclesiastics.

Your correspondent remarks that his statement that 90 per cent. of the hotels are "tied" is not disputed. I will now dispute it in a very clear and irrefutable manner. The State has something like 3100 hotels, of which the city and suburbs contain approximately 785, country districts about 2315. I admit that a large number of the city and suburban hotels are "tied," but in the country districts there are very, very few that are not free houses; in fact, to strike an average, your correspondent may be surprised to learn that there are less than 30 per cent. of the hotels in this State that are "tied"; on these figures the "rich" brewer arguments are fallacious.

The Canon's words on monopoly are also very misleading. In one breath he says there are too many hotels in the State, in another a monopoly is created. Competition in the liquor trade (especially the retail section) is very keen, as is evidenced by the very low profits derived from the sale of bottled stuff. Where does the monopoly come in? If he means that the licensed victuallers have a monopoly of the licensed victuallers' trade, I agree with him, on the same grounds that the grocers and butchers have the monopoly of the grocery and butchery trades. Surely he does not expect an unlicensed person to sell liquor; and who should have the monopoly of the public-houses but the licensed publicans? As regards "special privileges over his fellows," I fail to see the relevancy of the remark. The hotelkeeper, after paying his heavy license fee, high rates, and taxes, big rents, etc., makes less profit on his annual turnover than the average tradesman, whose business expenses are much less, and who is not hemmed in by all sorts of restrictions. The claim for compensation has been practically established in England; exists in Victoria, and must ultimately be established in New South Wales. Were the removal of hotels from congested districts to places requiring them allowed on the grounds of the late Mr. Copeland's bill, the compensation question would not be so acute, and the public as well as the publican's interest would be better conserved. In conclusion, I would like to say that when your correspondent endeavours to impress upon your readers that a license is for one year only he grossly misleads them. The license is certainly an annual one, as is the case with most licenses, and if the holder has conformed to the provisions of the Liquor Act he is entitled to a renewal. In a previous letter on this subject I pointed out to the Canon that in the case of a deceased estate in England some time ago, on which stood an hotel, the Inland revenue authorities assessed the property 42 years ahead, establishing by such assessment beyond all doubt the fact that a license (providing that the provisions of the Act were fully maintained) is for more than one year. The quickest, surest, and, in fact, only way to reduce the number of hotels is to adequately compensate those turned out through no fault of their own. When your correspondent grasps this truism, instead of seeking the unattainable, I am ready to help him to the best of my ability. The rev. gentleman's object is to undoubtedly help the masses, but his cramped ideas on a subject which I am afraid he has not gone properly and thoroughly into place him in a position of following a veritable will-o'-the-wisp. Do no man a wilful injury; "do unto others" is good and sound teaching. The publican is a man of flesh and blood, and a reputable citizen, and one should no more think of robbing him than robbing the offertory box in a place of worship. Thanking you in anticipation of the space accorded me,

I am, etc.,
JOHN ASHTON,
Gen. Sec. United Licensed Victuallers' Association of N.S.W.
March 16.

"Snapshots at the V.R.C. Autumn Meeting" is the title of a page of illustrations in the "Mail."—Advt.

## DEPUTATION.

### CHURCH OF ENGLAND CEMETERY, ROOKWOOD.

Mr. J. Nobbs, M.L.A., introduced a deputation, comprising the trustees of the Church of England section of the Necropolis at Rookwood, to the Minister for Works yesterday, and asked that trains should be run into the cemetery to the new portion set apart for interments under the direction of the trustees. It appeared that bearers and mourners had to march about half a mile to the section now being utilised for burials. It was asked that the same privilege which had been given to the Roman Catholic and other denominations should be extended to Church of England people journeying to the new area, which would shortly be used. Only about 160 more burials could take place in the old area before the new one of 16½ acres would be requisitioned. This would provide about 17,000 graves, and last for at least 20 years. It was thought that the time had arrived for granting an extension of the line in the direction of the new section.

Mr. Lee said that the original estimated cost of the line for 1 mile and 20 chains was £13,000. As the trustees wanted an inexpensive structure at the terminus, the cost might be proportionately less. He would have a detailed estimate of cost prepared providing for suitable buildings, and communicate with the trustees. If it could be done for about £5000 he was satisfied the work was necessary, and would ask the Cabinet to sanction it.

## THE MYSTERY OF SLEEP.

"Now blessings light on him," said Sancho Panza, "that first invented this same sleep. It covers a man all over, thoughts and all, like a cloak;" but the phrase says more for the Governor of Barataria's gratitude than for his powers of observation, says a writer in "The Chicago Tribune." A cloak does not descend upon us at inconvenient times of its own accord, nor does it leave us suddenly when we most desire its presence. Neither does it return to us periodically with such persistence that, it has been calculated, we spend one-third of our whole lives in sleep. If we look for further holes in the analogy, we might find them in the fact that sleep seems to be the peculiar appanage of the beginning and end of life, so that both children and old people sleep considerably more than the middle-aged. Yet little is really known about sleep, and Mme. de Manaceine, the talented Russian woman who has collected many curious facts on the subject, has to confess that it has hitherto engaged the attention of physiologists to a less extent than almost any other vital phenomenon. Let us watch now the house dog—the cat, besides being an unsympathetic subject for scientific experiment, is so used to "playing possum" that it is not easy to say whether she is asleep or awake—preparing himself for a nap in front of the fire. Sometimes he yawns, sometimes he stretches himself, both of which actions have a physiological meaning; then he turns round three times in the same spot, which is said to be a reminiscence of the time when it was necessary to brush away the long grass and to search the "yard" thus made for snakes and scorpions. But always, when he has finished these preliminaries, he throws himself down on his side with outstretched head, legs, and tail.

Looking at him carefully, you notice that this attitude is contrived so as to repose at once all the muscles used in locomotion or in a standing attitude, while at the same time it allows the air to pass freely into his lungs with as few turns, and, therefore, as little expense of energy as possible. Then he shuts both eyes and mouth, so as to shut out communication with the external world, and now his deeper and slower breathing tells us that sleep has begun. Yet in this stage he is easily awakened. Call him, and he jumps to his feet without a sign of having to "shake off" sleep, and the same effect can, until he gets used to the trick, be produced by making noises suggesting the scratching and gnawing of a rat. Soon, however, this stage passes. As his sleep becomes sounder—a state that may sometimes be induced by tickling or striking the soles of his feet—his limbs often begin to twitch with a regular motion, and he will sometimes even utter low cries as if in chase. Evidently he is dreaming of his natural pursuit of hunting, and, like Mr. Kipling's Bruggleamith, in his magnificent mind is furiously running. But let him alone and keep quiet, and cries and twitches alike grow still. The sleep has passed into its third and deepest stage, and from this it requires an appreciable effort to arouse him. When he does awake he will probably be found heavy and languid, will stretch himself strongly, and will take two or three minutes before he resumes his usual alertness. What now has taken place, as we may say, inside the dog, to bring about these changes of appearance and function? Thanks to the observation of cases where either by the operation known as trephining, or by gunshot wounds, some portion of the skull has been removed, we know that during sleep the brain becomes pallid, and almost discharged of blood. Also the beating of the heart gets slower and less energetic, and the respiration, or, what is the same thing, the rate of exchange of the inbreathed oxygen for the expelled carbonic acid, decreases, so that the percentage of the latter falls from 58 to 42.

Yet this in itself does not account for all the phenomena. The blood departing from the brain only goes to give increased activity to vital processes elsewhere. The skin becomes more active—whence our increased liability to get chilled during sleep—the digestion goes on with greater rapidity, and, although heart and lungs, as we have seen, do not work at the same pace as in our waking moments, it would be a bad thing for the sleeper if either organ stopped for one second in its regular and ordered toil. Neither can we say that there is any arrest of what are called the "higher" functions of the brain. Flash a light in a sleeper's eyes, and, even if he does not wake with a start, he will at least move uneasily, thereby showing that the retinal activity of the eye is unchanged, while a bad smell will often have similar effects. The sense of touch retains its sensitiveness, so that a hand laid ever so gently upon the shoulder will awaken us, while the powers which are within the veil of sense are apparently not even dulled.

Sleep, which, as we know from the example of daisies and other flowers, extends to the vegetable world as well as to the animal, is itself a reflex action brought about by necessity in the first place, and perpetuated by heredity.

## MARK TWAIN'S COPYRIGHT.

An open letter written by Mark Twain in dialogue form to the American Register of Copyrights is published in the "North American Review." Mark Twain would extend copyright indefinitely, but in a way which would yet mean a limit. In the forty-second year of copyright—the present system—the owner of it would have to issue a very cheap edition of the work, the price being fixed by the number of words in it. It would have to be kept on sale, year after year, indefinitely. If there was a failure in this, for the space of three months, then the copyright would perish. Such a copyright law, Mark Twain argues, would really secure the "cheap book" held in view and at the same time rightly reward the author of that book, his children, or their children.

## KING-STREET-WATSON'S BAY TRAMS.

TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—The following is a copy of a letter handed to the Railway Commissioners, together with the petitions mentioned therein.

I am, etc.,
March 15. W. F. LATIMER.

Woollahra, March 14, 1905.

The Railway Commissioners.

Gentlemen,—I have much pleasure in presenting to you (I trust for your favourable consideration) a petition signed by 417 tramway travellers, residents of Double Bay and Rose Bay, and endorsed by the Woollahra Council, also a petition from 200 patrons of the Crystal baths at Rose Bay. The prayer of each petition is that you will be good enough to extend the second section of the King-street-Watson's Bay line to William-street, Double Bay, and the third section to Dover-road, Rose Bay. In presenting these petitions, I do not quote comparisons of distance travelled on other lines for similar fares to those charged on this (King-street-Watson's Bay) line, for the reason that distance is no criterion as to the earnings obtained on any line, but recognising as I do the responsibility that devolves upon you to make the tramways a paying concern, I will quote a few figures taken from your last annual report, which will prove the soundness and justice of our request, viewed from a business standpoint.

The total length of road from foot of King-street to terminus near Watson's Bay is 6 miles 50 chains, or 6⅝ miles; total cost of lines £201,585, equipment for same £60,000, making a total of £261,585. The earnings for last year (1904) were £58,234, from which deduct £45,830 for working expenses (which includes all charges), and there remains a balance of £12,404, or £4 14s 10d per cent. on the capital invested; but the average rate of interest on the State debt is roundly 3½ per cent., thus interest at that rate absorbs £9479, leaving a net credit balance on the year's workings of £2925, or very nearly one-half of the surplus shown on the workings of the whole tramways of the State. The above net credit balance is a clear profit of 1¼ per cent. on the total capital invested in this line, or 1 per cent. above the total general average for the tramways owned by the State. Turning to the figures for this line for 1903, I find that after all charges were met there remained a net credit balance of £4651, and this during a year when there was a total deficit of £18,398 on the working of all tramways owned by the State. It is stated that the cost of working electric traction is cheaper than cable. That being so, and the conversion from cable to electricity having been accomplished on this line, the financial prospects are even brighter than the results of the past two years, and lead us to hope that you will readily concede the full measure of the prayer of your petitioners.

I am, gentlemen, yours truly,
W. F. LATIMER.

## MILITARY.

A representative meeting of officers of the district, instructional and departmental staff, brigadiers, commanding officers, seconds in command, and militia acting adjutants, was held at Victoria Barracks, Sydney, yesterday afternoon, to meet the Minister for Defence for the purpose of considering, amongst others, the following matters:—Efficiency regulations, correspondence and returns, including scope of brigade staff administration; strength of units, and in connection therewith means of training sufficient leaders; schools of instruction, whether to be continuous or not; clothing—weight of material, character of material (cloth or serge), simplifying pattern, badges. For over two hours these subjects were discussed, and Colonel M'Cay promised at the close to have various suggestions considered by the Board of Administration.

Major A. Spain, commanding Field Corps of Engineers, who is making a trip to Europe, has been granted seven months' leave of absence.

The following passed the recent school of instruction in range-finding, with honours:—Major Wallace Brown, Captains R. L. Jenkins, S. S. Ryrie, and R. Shadler, Lieutenant C. Rosenthal, W. O. Mowbray, together with Colour-Sergeant C. S. Corlette, Sergeant M. E. Bedford, and Private M. S. Patterson (University Scout). Lieutenant H. D. Macartney passed.

## PARRAMATTA DISTRICT.

### CENTRAL CUMBERLAND A. AND H. ASSOCIATION.

The settling up in connection with the late show held by this society took place at Castle Hill on Wednesday. The protest in the handicap trot, against the winner, Millie, on the grounds of not stating full performances at time of entry, was upheld, and the first prize was awarded to the second horse, Ocean Boy. The secretary reported that after paying all prizes and accounts there would remain a balance of about £30.

### ERMINGTON AND RYDALMERE COUNCIL.

The regular meeting of the council was held on Wednesday evening, the Mayor, Alderman Unicomb, presiding. The annual value of assessed property was £4802, and the rateable value £4615 8s. Alderman W. J. Stephens wrote tendering his resignation as an alderman. The Public Works Department wrote stating that the Minister had approved of the whole of the cost of the repairs to Kissing Point-road being borne by the department.

Yesterday morning the premises of Young Lee, a Chinaman carrying on business in Church-street, Parramatta, were broken into, and a sum of £21 was stolen from a box in his bedroom. It appears that Young Lee has been in the habit of going to Sydney on Thursday mornings early to make his weekly purchases, and yesterday he went as usual, leaving home at about 5 o'clock. He returned at 10 o'clock, when he found that one of the windows at the rear of the premises had been forced open, and the money referred to had been stolen.

## RUSSIA'S GOVERNMENT.

The government of Russia is an absolute monarchy (writes the New York "Tribune"). The whole legislative, executive, and judicial power is united in the Emperor, whose will alone is law. There are, however, certain rules of government which the sovereigns of the present reigning house have acknowledged as binding. The chief of these is the law of succession to the throne, which, according to a decree of the Emperor Paul, of the year 1797, is to be that of regular descent by the right of primogeniture, with preference of male over female heirs. Another fundamental law of the realm, proclaimed by Peter I., is that every sovereign of Russia, with his consort and children, must be a member of the Orthodox Greek Church. The princes and princesses of the Imperial house, according to a decree of Alexander I., must obtain the consent of the Emperor to any marriage they may contract, otherwise the issue of such union cannot inherit the throne.

The administration of the Empire is entrusted to four great boards, or councils, possessing separate functions. The rest of these boards is the Council of State, established by Alexander I. in 1801, and reorganised by the Imperial ukase of May 20, 1901. It consists of a president nominated every year by the Emperor, and an unlimited number of members appointed by him. The council is divided into four departments—legislative, civil, and church administration, State's economy and industry, and sciences and commerce. Each department has its president and a separate sphere of duties, but there are collective meetings of the four sections. The chief function of the Council of Empire is that of examining into the projects of the laws which are brought before it by the Ministers who have a seat ex-officio, and of discussing the budget and all the expenditure to be made during the year. But the council has no power of proposing alterations and modifications of the laws of the realm. It is, properly speaking, a consultative institution in matters of legislation.

The second of the great colleges or boards of government is the Ruling Senate, established by Peter I. in 1711. The functions of the Senate are partly of a deliberative and partly of an executive character. To be valid a law must be promulgated by the Senate. It is also the high court of justice for the Empire. The Senate is divided into six departments, which all sit at St. Petersburg, two of them being courts of cassation. Each department is authorised to decide in the last resort on certain descriptions of cases. The Senators are mostly persons of high rank, or who fill high stations, but a lawyer of eminence presides over each department, who represents the Emperor, and without whose signature its decisions would have no force. In the general meetings of several sections the Minister of Justice takes the chair. Besides its superintendence over the courts of law, the Senate examines into the state of the general administration of the empire, and has power to make remonstrances to the Emperor. A special department, consisting of five members, is entrusted with judgments in political offences, and another (ten members) with disciplinary judgments against officials of the Crown.

The third college established by Peter I. in the year 1721 is the Holy Synod, and to it is committed the superintendence of the religious affairs of the empire. It is composed of the three metropolitans (St. Petersburg, Moscow, and Kiev), the Archbishop of Georgia (Caucasus), and several bishops, sitting in turn. All its decisions run in the Emperor's name, and have no force till approved by him.

The fourth board of government is the Committee of Ministers. It consists of all the Ministers, fourteen in number. Besides these, five grand dukes and many functionaries, chiefly former Ministers, form part of the committee.

The empire is divided into seventy-eight governments, nineteen provinces, and 792 districts. At the head of each general government is a governor-general, the representative of the Emperor, with large powers.

The Russian Empire comprises one-seventh of the land surface of the globe, or an area of 8,660,395 square miles. The population was estimated in 1903 to be about 141,000,000. The lowest estimate which can be made of the peace strength of the Russian army, according to "The Statesman's Year Book," puts the number of officers at 42,000, and of the rank and file more than 1,000,000 men, the total number about 1,100,000. In war the total strength is approximately 75,000 officers and 4,500,000 men; total, 4,600,000 men, with 562,000 horses.

The Emperor is in possession of the revenue from the Crown domains, consisting of more than a million square miles of cultivated land and forests, besides gold and other mines in Siberia, and producing a vast revenue, the actual amount of which is unknown, as no reference to the subject is made in the budgets or finance accounts, the Crown domains being considered the private property of the Imperial family.

## AMERICA AND THE ARCHBISHOP.

An interesting article in the Christmas number of "Church Bells" on the Archbishop of Canterbury's recent visit to America, written by his chaplain, the Rev. J. H. J. Ellison, concludes with the words: "To my mind, nothing was more striking, in America, than the keen and almost pathetic way in which Americans seem to be reaching back to the past, and doing all they possibly can to link themselves on to the history that lies behind them. There is, at the present time, a perfect craze for genealogy among the people, and one of the reasons which makes me hope and believe that the 'Protestant Episcopal Church' has a great future before it in America is that, more than any other religious body, it combines the reason and common-sense that are so characteristic of the American intellect, with that firm hold upon history, which is the thing that, most of all, at the present time, moves and stirs the American imagination."

The "Tatler" recalls that when Mr. Marconi visited the Czar a couple of years ago his Majesty compelled the visitor to precede him when they passed from room to room. The inventor attributed this reversal to the Royal etiquette to pure politeness. A less favourable critic says it was due to fear. The Autocrat of All the Russias dared not trust a foreigner who dabbled in electrical inventions.

Two pages of pictures in this week's "Mail" fully illustrate Cataract dam and township.—Advt.

## THE FURNACE FOR GOLD.

### A TALE OF A MINING COMMUNITY.

"The fining pot is for silver, and the furnace for gold; but the Lord trieth the hearts."—Proverbs XVII., 3.

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CHAPTER XVIII.—Continued.

The lagoon was the name given to the large basin of water that was filled by the Neummurra Creek, about half a mile above the works.

"Lew Morgan has a very nice boat," ventured Ellie timidly, and Lynne's charming smile was her reward.

"Then we'll get him to join us, and lend it. He and his sister seem very pleasant company." Clara laughed mirthlessly, but did not venture to protest.

"You could come, couldn't you, Miss Marlowe, and help a lonely fellow to pass his holiday pleasantly?" said Lynne coaxingly.

Ellie agreed with enthusiasm; very little pleasure came her way; she was glad at the prospect of some, and delighted with the young barrister's amiability.

"Jim, our old Diogenes, here; you'll join us, too. We shall need some one to keep us in order. Say you'll come, old man," said Lynne.

"I'm afraid I can't get away," said Jim, wryly. "I am not having a holiday, you know, though I have every Saturday afternoon off. I shall join you then with pleasure, but I cannot promise for anything else."

He had a vision of the holiday party, with Lynne and Pen as the central figures, and it was not a pleasant vision to him.

"Every Saturday afternoon then, remember, you belong to us. I am going to get up a regular programme of enjoyment. We will explore Neummurra, mine and all, before my time is up," said Lynne enthusiastically.

"I thought you came home in the character of an invalid," said Jim, in a dry tone.

A shade passed over Lynne's handsome face; some feeling quivered on his lips and softened his dark eyes.

"So the mater imagines," he said. "But I'm really quite well again. I only need to pick up my strength a bit, that is all. Well, Clara, we must be going. Are you coming our way, Miss Marlowe, we might have the pleasure of your company in that case?"

Ellie assented with a soft, blushing smile.

"You old fraud; you should not try to steal every heart," said Jim, in a laughing undertone to Lynne, as the two girls descended the steps of the verandah together. "Same old humbug, Lynn! Same old impostor!"

"Same old Adam, you mean. How can I help myself?" was the reply, as Lynne hastened smiling away.

Jim watched the trio with envious eyes. He felt that he was somehow left out of the pleasures natural to his years, and his feeling was deepened as the days passed on. He heard now and again of the expeditions that were planned by Lynne, and could not prevent some pangs of jealousy at the thought of them. It seemed hard to think that he must give Lynne so clear a field for winning Pen away from him, if, as Jim feared, such was the young barrister's intention.

The first Saturday afternoon Lynne decided they should see over the works, and Jim should act as their guide. Jim would have enjoyed this much better if it had not been taken as a matter of course that his chief duty was to explain everything to Clara, and that there his duty ended. That young lady cleverly managed to make the others understand that Jim must be considered her property, and the party seemed naturally to divide itself into three groups, Pen and Lynne, Lew and Ellie, Clara and Jim. Jim's clumsy open endeavours to effect a change of partners had no chance when opposed by the dexterous manoeuvring of the brother and sister. Let him try ever so cleverly, he could not manage to secure Pen for himself. Lynne was always on the watch, it seemed to him; or if not, Clara bore him off, willy-nilly, to show her something or other that she professed to be longing to see.

The second Saturday Jim was detained at the works, and could not get away to join the others. He chafed at the delay, but the manager took no heed of his impatience, as he waited in his deliberate manner while Jim undertook some assaying for him.

The assayers had received their Saturday half holiday, and Jim was leaving the works, when Carson came down and asked him to assay some ore for him. It might as well wait till Monday, but such an idea did not seem to occur to Carson, and Jim, knowing that the manager was prejudiced against him, thought it better to oblige him, even at the risk of losing the afternoon in Pen's company.

It was too late to think of going with the picnickers when at last he was set free. "I dare say it is just as well," Jim thought. "If Pen cares for me, all the attentions of Lynne will not make any difference. If she does not really love me, I may as well know the truth first as last. At any rate, I can give her a chance to know her own mind. She is perfectly free." The bitterness of this thought was that perhaps it was his own foolish tardiness that left her so free. "If he wins her, he is as good as I, and has just as much right, if it comes to that. I can take my gruel, I hope, as well as any other man. I can surely, as I've been fool enough for these two years, be patient for one month more. But I know Lynne of old, and I doubt if he could keep true, even to Pen, suppose he wins her love. Light come, light go, it used to be with him, and I question if he is much altered now. As for me, there never was but one girl in the world for me, and there never will be another if I lose Pen."

CHAPTER XIX.

PEN'S ENGAGEMENT.

Jim came home from the Works in a mood of strange weariness and depression. A curious premonition of impending trouble oppressed him. Anne sighed as he passed through the dining-room, she missed the cheery boy he used to be, his merry whistle, his ready laugh, even his little teasing ways. These seemed changing rapidly into the quiet soberness of manhood. John came in a few minutes later, and said hastily,

"Miss Carson is just coming in."

Anne bustled to the front, while Tommy slipped out from the kitchen, and peered inquisitively from behind the dining-room door. Jim joined his father and mother, as they waited for Miss Carson.

"I thought I'd run down and tell you the news," she said somewhat breathlessly. "I know you'd be interested. You are the first outside our family to be told."

"Out with it, lass," said John bluntly, then he drew to the rear again. He saw that for some reason or another Jim and Anne seemed unable to speak. Their instinct too truly told them already the import of Clara's news.

"Why the first engagement in our family," said Clara shrilly.

Her eyes were fixed on Jim's face, and she noted mechanically that the fresh colour was paling even under the dust of the Works. And as she watched she suddenly realised that she wished to hurt him, to do something to him, to pay him out for the dull pain that was stealing into her own heart.

"Yes, Lynne is engaged to Pen Morgan. I expect they will be married—after the New Year."

"How does your mother like it?" asked Anne with apparent simplicity, "or yourself? I used to think he'd fancy one of your friends the Koulson girls." There was a touch of maliciousness in her question. "Oh, mothers and sisters have never much to say in a boy's marriage," said Clara tartly. "Pen is a pretty girl, and a nice girl enough; I think she will make him a good wife."

With an effort that seemed to leave him numb, Jim threw the oppression from him.

"Lynne is a good-hearted fellow; I know he'll be kind to her," he said. "Yes, and if she'll take my advice," said Clara, "she won't lose much time in marrying him. She is not the first girl, by a round dozen, that Lynne has fancied himself in love with, though this is the first time he was engaged."

"That's a fine character for a sister to give," John's deep voice startled them all. "Pen is a fine, honest lass. I'd be very sorry if the man she gives her heart to is too fickle to keep it. But better for her to find out before marriage than after." He came forward, and his tall form towered over the shrinking girl.

"I must be going home," said Clara abashed for the moment, and Jim silently followed her out.

There was little said between them as they mounted the hill together. Jim did not appear to know how silent he was, and Clara thought viciously of Pen, yet lacked the courage to refer to the engagement again. She was glad when they parted at her father's gate.

Marlowe passed Jim as he turned homewards. The elder man's heart smote him, as he saw the haggard young face. He thought that Jim was worrying over the shortage of gold.

Last night, in spite of his resolution, Dan had allowed Shultz again to triumph.

Some gold had been once more abstracted; Dan had taken it home, and hidden it with the rest. He would not own even to himself how strong a hold the gold was beginning to take of him, but his power to resist his tempter was steadily declining as the amount stolen increased, and the gold remained in his possession. On one point he was firm, and not all Shultz's cleverness could move him. He would not let any of them handle the gold, and he himself alone knew where he hid it. He would give, he promised, to each of them an equitable share in the spoils, but he must have his own way in the disposal of it. Shultz tried persuasion and bullying, but to no purpose; Dan grew only more obstinate. "I'll see it is sent South, all in good time, and you will have your fair share I tell you, if you let me alone. I know what I'm doing, and if you get your share in sovereigns or notes you can be well satisfied. I've got it all down on paper, weighed to the last pennyweight; I'll take my fair proportion, and I'll give you yours."

Shultz, afraid that his victim should revolt, hurried to express his satisfaction.

And now as Dan passed his old pupil, he renewed the vow to get rid of Shultz, and give poor Jim an opportunity to show the company that he had earned his promotion. But he promised himself also that Shultz should not get a chance of handling the gold already taken.

But Jim did not see him; he walked past him without being aware of his presence. The blow Clara had given him seemed to have deadened all his faculties. He felt no anger either against Pen or against Lynne; that might come later; all that he was conscious of now was an overwhelming sense of unavailing regret; a dim, irretrievable feeling of loss. The evil that he vaguely dreaded, as soon as he had heard that Lynne was coming to Neummurra, had fallen upon him, and it seemed to him more than he could bear. That Lynne should possess Pen; Lynne! who had flirted with so many, while he had been ever faithful, seemed cruelly unjust. In his absence, the father and mother spoke of the engagement, and agreed not to discuss it in Jim's presence, so that when he returned there was no occasion for him to brace himself to bear their talk about Pen.

The mother's heart was wrung as she saw how great was the effort with which he tried to make a pretence of eating, and of joining in their conversation, but she gave no sign of observing any difference.

She talked brightly and easily, with a woman's power of hiding her feeling; but it was a relief to her, though she could scarcely conceal her anxiety when Jim rose after supper and said he was going out for a walk. "Of course I trust him," she told herself, "but I wish he were safe asleep tonight. He is not the kind to do himself a mischief, nor her either; poor, foolish girl, who doesn't know pure gold when she sees it. But I believe he set his heart on her since he came from college, and before that too. My poor boy! I wish, indeed, he was a little lad again, running up to me with his small troubles. Don't I remember him, such a pretty boy, with his fair curly hair, and his blue eyes! My poor Jim; he has got beyond his mother's comforting now." and her eyes filled involuntarily, while she thought again, with vindictive resentment, of Pen, who had caused all the trouble.

(To be continued.)

## ROYAL AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY.

### THE SCHOOLS' EXHIBITION.

The council of the Royal Agricultural Society met at the Agricultural Grounds yesterday, Sir Francis Suttor presiding.

A letter was received from Mr. J. W. Turner (Assistant Under-Secretary Department of Public Instruction), who also attended, stating that the Minister had sanctioned a general exhibition by the Public schools of the State at the forthcoming show, and had authorised him to make all arrangements in connection therewith. The exhibit would be under the immediate control of the department, and a skilled organising teacher would be in charge, and be held responsible for the entire supervision. The exhibit was to be of farm and dairy products, preserves, jams, etc, chiefly from country teachers, and there would be practical demonstrations of plain cooking by pupils under teachers from the various city school cooking centres. The exhibition would give an indication of what was being done in the Public schools, and it was expected to be a practical and popular feature at the annual show. The Minister was very much interested in the matter, and had promised that the teachers specialising in agriculture would have their work recognised. The movement, he felt sure, would be taken up with much enthusiasm, and he confidently looked forward to great developments in agricultural teaching in schools. The R.A.S. could aid teachers greatly in the matter by giving facilities for a proper display. He applied for suitable and sufficient space for the purpose.

It was decided to grant the department space for the erection of a marquee near the new gate on the southern side of the ground.

Several judges were appointed, and the judge in wines was allocated £10 10s for his services. In connection with the judge of dogs some discussion occurred. Some thought the judge should be paid a specific sum, and not have to take the chance of an honorarium, but the majority held that the judge of dogs was no more entitled to be paid than the judges of cattle or horses. Ultimately the matter was referred back to the committee.

It was reported that the cost of reconstructing the dividing wall between the society's and the Sydney Cricket grounds and the making of new roads and paths was £2100, which exceeded the estimate by £220. The work, however, had been extended beyond the original estimate, and the committee sanctioned payment of the additional £220.

The president, with Sir Francis Suttor, the Lord Mayor (Alderman A. Taylor), Mr. A. Bowman, Dr. Fiaschi, Mr. A. Hay, Sir Matthew Harris, and Mr. Angus were nominated as a reception committee.

## FISHERIES MATTERS.

The Fisheries Board met on Wednesday, under the presidency of Mr. Frank Farnell.

A tender for the erection of a boatshed at Hastings River was accepted.

Authority was given to proceed against several persons for consigning underweight fish and stealing oysters from Crown lands.

It was decided to draw the Harbour Trust Commissioners' attention to the injury being done the hauling grounds in the upper part of the Parramatta River by men digging for worms.

The board directed the Superintendent of Fisheries Investigations to visit the Hunter River before submitting any recommendations as to the prohibition of prawn nets.

The Chief Inspector (Mr. J. A. Brodie) submitted a report upon the matter of the removal of spat from Crown lands by lessees, and as a result stringent regulations were approved, which, it was hoped, would protect the public interests in the future from interference by persons dishonestly inclined.

Authority was given for the necessary action to be taken to recover through the court all outstanding amounts due for rent on oyster leases.

An application to have the regulation as to depth of nets rescinded was refused.

A close season proclamation to December 31, 1905, was ordered to issue in respect to the Shoalhaven River from Warri Bridge to the head of the river.

It was decided that any future closure of Monaro waters should include all fishing during the trout close, and apply to the Murrumbidgee and tributaries from and including the junction of the Umeralla and Murrumbidgee rivers.

A proclamation closing portion of the Tweed River against net-fishing was approved.

The estimates of expenditure for the year 1905-6 were considered, and it was again urged that funds should be provided for the establishment of a better system of supply and distribution of fish in the metropolis and country.

## PROHIBITION IN NEW GUINEA.

### TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—It was quite the right thing for the Federal Government to send a responsible officer to New Guinea to investigate local conditions before the introduction of legislation for that dependency. It is to be hoped that politicians generally will not only take his report when published into consideration, but also study the documents put forth by the Administration. These papers may be obtained from the Melbourne Federal Offices or Government Printer.

There are two points, at any rate, on which those engaged in the agitation on behalf of prohibition of liquor in New Guinea seem to need enlightening. First, the native question. It is a great advantage to us that there is at last a conscience in Australia as regards the protection of natives from the liquor curse. But it does not seem to be realised that prohibition to natives has been an absolute fact ever since 1888, when British sovereignty was proclaimed. I mean that the law is most stringent, the penalties inflicted for the few occasional breaches have been severe, and the general good sense of the community has been enlisted on the side of strictness. What we are afraid of is that under the proposed law, while it could be no more stringent nor its penalties severer, we should lose the goodwill of those on whom the due observance of the law depends. If a man is in the wrong in having liquor, it will not make much difference to him if he does supply it to natives. Secondly, the medical order. Liquor as medicine is to be allowed, I suppose, because it is not proved that it is useless in sickness. I forget whether the doctor's certificate was to give a man permission to procure the liquor from Australia or from the nearest store. It is only a question of distance. I have been 150 miles from the nearest store, and might have been dependent on my own good health to procure my provisions from it. But I have lived 300 miles from the nearest medical officer, of whom there are only two in British New Guinea. Unless I can get my medical order and my liquor before I fall ill, it is very little good that either would do me.

I can hardly see that it is the duty of the Federal Parliament to legislate on the liquor traffic in New Guinea. If the administration in the dependency had been a failure, it would be quite right to interfere. But so far the Government has been carried out on sound lines, and our legislation has even been copied by Australian States, waking up late in the day to their duty to their native races. Some of us hope for more restriction in the liquor traffic, as well as more freedom in other matters. But so long as we have no representation we may claim that our laws be made by those who have studied the conditions under which we live. I am, etc.,

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## LAW REPORT.

THURSDAY, MARCH 16.

### BANCO COURT.

(Before the Chief Justice and a jury of four.)

ACTION AGAINST A CONSTABLE.

A WHITE CLIFFS CASE.

Wakefield v Wood.

Mr. Mocatta and Mr. Mitchell, instructed by Mr. Alfred Mitchell, appeared for the plaintiff; and Mr. Shand and Mr. Boyce, instructed by Mr. J. V. Tillett (Crown Solicitor), for the defendant. This was an action brought by William Wakefield against William Austin Wood, sergeant of police, to recover compensation for assault, wrongful arrest, and imprisonment, and also trespass upon his premises and seizure of his goods at the plaintiff's camp, about 11 miles from White Cliffs. An outline of the plaintiff's case has already been published. Damages were laid at £500.

Defendant pleaded that before the proceedings referred to a storekeeper named Pond had reported to the police that plaintiff had presented a counterfeit £5 note to him in payment of goods purchased, and reasonably believing that a felony had been committed, and that the goods purchased were at plaintiff's camp, defendant entered upon his premises for the purpose of arresting him. As to the fifth count of the plaintiff's declaration, charging defendant with seizure of his goods, defendant paid 1s into court as sufficient to satisfy that portion of the claim.

John J. Baker, miner and shearer, was called on behalf of the plaintiff, and said he was a mate of plaintiff at the time of the arrest. He corroborated in the main the statement made by plaintiff as to what took place before and after defendant took plaintiff into custody.

For the defence, First-class Constable Moran said that on the 25th November, 1903, he went to the Post Office at White Cliffs, and a five pound note—not the one in the present case—was handed to him. It had been paid by a Chinaman, but he heard afterwards that the note was good. He was not sure now, however, that it was a good note.

His Honor: Have you not been told by a bank manager that it is a good note?

Witness: Well, when I went to the bank manager, he said he would give me £4 19s for it.

His Honor: Where is the nearest Commercial Bank?

Witness said that it was at Wilcannia, about 60 miles from White Cliffs. The course of post was three times a week. If a letter was written from White Cliffs to Wilcannia, a reply would be received by Friday morning. The second note, which was afterwards the subject of the proceedings against plaintiff, was brought to defendant by James Pond, storekeeper, of White Cliffs. When he came into the police station Pond said to the defendant, "I have one of them crook notes, the same as Moran had last night." That was on Thursday, November 26, and Pond told the sergeant that he "got it from a cove named 'Deal um up.'" This, witness afterwards ascertained, referred to plaintiff. Defendant asked Pond if he would prosecute, and Pond replied that he would if it was a "crook" five-pound note. The note was afterwards examined by the clerk of petty sessions, also by the defendant and two other constables, and it was pronounced to be a forgery. A gentleman named Haynes, who had been accountant in a big mine at Broken Hill for years, also examined the note, and considered it to be a forgery. Haynes was now in South Africa. When witness and defendant went out to plaintiff's camp and showed him the note, he identified it as the one he had cashed at Pond's. When defendant told plaintiff that the note was considered in town to be counterfeit, the latter replied that he would not answer any questions about it, and when asked if he had any more notes like it he said, "You find out." Defendant then said he was going to search the camp, and plaintiff objected to his doing so, unless he produced a search warrant. Defendant then said "Well, if you will not answer my questions I will now place you under arrest, and charge you with obtaining money and goods to the value of £5 by means of false pretences, and I will now proceed to search your camp." The defendant then searched the camp, but the things were not thrown about, and everything was replaced where they were found as nearly as possible. While they were at the camp a man named Kielly came up, and when he heard what was the matter he said to plaintiff, "You should assist the police in a matter like this. Why don't you tell the sergeant where you got the note?" Plaintiff replied, "If you want to know, I got it off a barmaid at an hotel at White Cliffs; I am arrested now, and they will have to give me 15s a day for every day they keep me away from here. I won £8 9s 1d out of Tattersall's sweep, and when I was in town on November 9, which was a holiday, I obtained eight single notes at the post-office for a post-office order. Subsequently I had a drink at Paterson's Hotel, where the barmaid gave me, at my request, a £5 note for five £1 notes." He did not caution the plaintiff. He remembered two ladies driving up at the time, one of whom was Miss Pond. He did not remember what the goods were that were taken out of the buggy, and he made no inquiry. He was at the horses' heads at the time, as the flies were making them restive.

The Chief Justice: If you had made any inquiry, you would have found that these were the goods that plaintiff was charged with obtaining under false pretences.

Witness, continuing, said that before they got to Paterson's Hotel, plaintiff was cautioned not to interrupt when he asked Miss Ryan about his statement in reference to the £5 note. While Miss Ryan was being questioned plaintiff interrupted, and said to her "you changed five £1 notes for a £5 note," and the girl answered "yes, I believe I did," but she could not identify the note when it was shown to her.

Defendant was then called, and gave evidence which was substantially to the same effect as the testimony given by the previous witness. He remembered after plaintiff had refused to give him any information about the £5 note that a man named Kielly, who came up at the time, told him that he ought to give the police all the information he could in a case of that kind. Witness also stated that he sent the £5 note to the Commercial Bank at Wilcannia by the first police escort—which was upon the following Sunday—and received it back on the following Tuesday. This was two or three days before the time of plaintiff's remand was up.

His Honor: And you then took no steps to have this man released from his bail?—No: I did not know how I could do so. I told his solicitor about it.

Q.: And plaintiff had to come into White Cliffs and deliver himself into custody as a prisoner on bail. I suppose you put him in the dock too?—No.

His Honor: He escaped that.

By Mr. Shand: He told plaintiff's solicitor on Tuesday morning. He did not know that he could take any legal steps to prevent the plaintiff from coming in on his recognisances.

His Honor: You could have given him notice that he need not come in.

Mr. Shand: With great respect, your Honor, I think it would have been a daring thing for him to do, when he knew that the magistrate's order of remand existed.

His Honor: He might have got the magistrate to endorse the order.

Witness: The magistrate was at the time 60 miles away from White Cliffs. When he arrested plaintiff he reasonably suspected that he had committed the offence with which he was charged.

By Mr. Mocatta: He did not find any of Pond's goods in plaintiff's camp when he searched it, and he did not know that the goods had gone out there that day. Pond, when he came to the police station to report about the note, informed him that the goods were delivered on the 23rd.

His Honor: You know now that they were actually delivered while you were on the spot?—No.

Q.: Did not Constable Moran tell you?—No.

His Honor: It was really stolen property according to your view, if it was obtained by false pretences.

Witness, continuing, said that he did not find any of the goods.

At this stage the further hearing of the case was adjourned till the following day.

### NO. 1 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Owen without a jury.)

ACTION FOR ROYALTY ON COAL.

£27,679 CLAIMED.

The Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, v Railway Commissioners.

Mr. Want, K.C., Mr. Knox, and Mr. Ferguson, instructed by Mr. F. A. Davenport, appeared for the plaintiff company; and Mr. Pilcher, K.C., Mr. C. B. Stephen, and Mr. Scholes, instructed by Mr. John S. Cargill (solicitor to the Commissioners), for the defendants. This was an action brought by the Perpetual Trustee Company, Limited, against the Railway Commissioners, to recover the sum of £27,679 15s 6d, being the amount of royalty on coal which they claimed to be entitled to on coal underneath certain land at Teralba resumed by the defendants for railway purposes.

Defendants pleaded that they had caused a valuation to be made in the plaintiffs' interest, and had offered £500, which the plaintiffs refused to accept.

The case still stands part heard.

### NO. 2 JURY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Pring and juries of four.)

BOOTH v BOROUGH OF KEMPSEY.

(Part heard.)

Mr. Whitfeld and Mr. J. C. Gannon, instructed by Mr. J. T. Ralston (for Mr. J. R. Marrack, of Kempsey), appeared for plaintiff, Ernest John Booth, an infant under 21, by his next friend Henry W. Booth, and Mr. Bruce Smith and Mr. Moriarty, instructed by Mr. Weaver, for the defendant.

This was a claim for £800 for injuries alleged to have been sustained by plaintiff, who was thrown from a horse on to a culvert at Kempsey, and broke one of his legs. It was alleged that the culvert had been so faultily constructed or so badly maintained that it caused the accident. The defendant council pleaded not indebted.

After the jury had been out for nearly four hours it was announced that they were equally divided. They were therefore discharged, by consent of the parties.

NATHAN v LARKIN.

This was a claim by Charles Arthur Nathan against Stephen Larkin for the recovery of £38 8s 6d for goods sold and delivered. Mr. Broomfield, instructed by Mr. J. R. B. Bruce, appeared for plaintiff. There was no appearance for defendant, and judgment went by default.

PEPPER v HARRISON AND ANOTHER.

In this case Alfred Perry Pepper, a labourer, alleged that he was employed on some scaffolding erected by the defendants, John Christopher Harrison and John Harrison, trading as J. C. Harrison and Son, and that one of his legs was fractured by the scaffolding breaking away, which was due to negligence. Plaintiff contended that the scaffolding was constructed of defective materials, without guard rails or fender boards, and that therefore it was defective. Other counts alleged negligence against the defendant's foreman and another servant. He claimed £1000 damages. Defendants pleaded not guilty, and stated that plaintiff was aware of the alleged defects and did not inform his employers. Mr. Cowan, instructed by Mr. W. P. Plunkett, appeared for plaintiff; and defendants were represented by Mr. J. L. Campbell, instructed by Mr. H. P. Steel.

The case is part heard.

### EQUITY COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice A. H. Simpson, Chief Judge.)

A NEWCASTLE CASE.

IS GLENROCK LAGOON AN ESTUARY?

AN OLD GRANT.

Attorney-General v Merewether.

Mr. Gordon, K.C., and Mr. Bethune, instructed by the Crown Solicitor, appeared for plaintiff; Mr. Lingen and Mr. W. D. Merewether, instructed by Mr. W. M. Barker, for the defendants, the trustees of the estate of the late E. C. Merewether; and Mr. S. S. Lamb, instructed by Messrs. Westgarth, Nathan, and Co., for the defendants, the Scottish Australian Mining and Investment Company, Limited.

The hearing of this part-heard case was continued, and was not concluded when the Court rose.

### DIVORCE COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Walker.)

JOLLY v JOLLY.

Further evidence was heard in the suit in which Emma Edith Jolly, formerly Prendergast, sought a divorce from Henry Jolly, on the grounds of drunkenness, non-support, and cruelty. Mr. Kershaw appeared for petitioner, and Mr. Bertram for respondent. The charges were denied.

Oliver Deane, a youth, who had lived with the parties for more than two years, said he had seen respondent return home drunk, although able to take care of himself. Witness had heard respondent swear at his wife, but had not seen him strike her. Petitioner, however, complained to him of having been struck by Jolly.

Mrs. Jolly, mother of respondent, said she had heard the parties quarrelling. She denied that her son drank to excess. As a matter of fact he had belonged to a temperance society.

His Honor granted a decree nisi, returnable in three months, respondent to pay costs. He found that the respondent had been guilty of habitual drunkenness and cruelty.

STAFFORD v STAFFORD.

Francis Stafford asked for the restitution of conjugal rights with Edith Mary Stafford, formerly Walker. Mr. P. K. White appeared for petitioner, and Mr. W. Coyle for respondent. Petitioner deposed to having married respondent under Roman Catholic rites, at Balmain, in April, 1901. They lived together very happily for five and a half months, when he left her. He denied having made disgusting propositions to his wife. He gave her all the money that he earned when he was with her. His reasons for leaving her were that he was threatened and illused by her family, with whom he and his wife were living, and that she refused him conjugal rights.

Respondent said that during the time she lived with petitioner he had only given her £7 or £8. He had made disgusting overtures to her, and when she had refused to acquiesce had illused her. He had at different times pointed a pistol at her head, hit her with the butt end of a whip, and threatened to cut her throat. When she married him her weight was 9st 11lb, and when he went away it was 6st 11lb.

The case stands part heard.

### ARBITRATION COURT.

(Before Mr. Justice Cohen, President, Messrs. J. P. Wright, and S. Smith.)

MANLY FERRY EMPLOYEES.

The industrial dispute between the Sydney and Manly Ferry Employees' Union, claimant, and the Port Jackson Co-operative Steamship Company, respondent, was re-opened to allow of the respondent company submitting professional evidence respecting accountancy matters. Mr. David Fell, M.L.A., was examined with reference to company bookkeeping, more particularly depreciation and profit and loss accounts.

The hearing was further adjourned until Monday next, so that Mr. Sullivan, solicitor for the claimant union, might have an opportunity of cross-examining the witness.

MARBLE AND SLATE WORKERS.

The hearing of the industrial dispute in which the Marble and Slate Workers' Union is claimant and Messrs. Anthony Hordern and Sons respondents was continued. Mr. Duggan, secretary of the claimant union, appeared on its behalf; while the respondents were represented by Mr. Rolin, instructed by Messrs. Read and Read. Particulars of the claim and the respondents' answers have already been published.

The Court adjourned for a few hours to allow of the members visiting the respondents' yards and witnessing the work in the various branches of the industry.

Upon resuming, further evidence of a technical nature was given for the claimants. The case stands part heard.

### IN BANKRUPTCY.

(Before the Registrar, Mr. A. Henry.)

HEARING OF PROOF OF DEBT.

Re Thomas Edward Seaton. The claim of James Mackay for £721 4s 6d, was further dealt with. Mr. Collins, appeared for the claimant, and Mr. M'Carthy for the official assignee. The Registrar dismissed the application with costs, holding that the claimant should have, in accordance with the notice of the official assignee, served in December last, filed an affidavit with a full statement of particulars, showing all cheques paid by bankrupt to him, and stating what vouchers he had by which the claim could be substantiated.

EXAMINATION UNDER RULE 107.

Re Woolf Sperling. Bankrupt failed to attend. Struck out.

EXAMINATION UNDER SECTION 30.

Re Stephen Dickson. The examination was declared closed.

VOLUNTARY SEQUESTRATION.

Alice Edwards Simpson, 231 Bourke-street, Woolloomooloo. Mr. L. T. Lloyd, official assignee.

### METROPOLITAN DISTRICT COURT.

(Before Judge Gibson.)

A KEMPSEY CASE.

Palmer v M'Iver.

Mr. Maun, instructed by Mr. J. A. I. Perry, appeared for plaintiff, and Mr. Garland, instructed by Messrs. M'Donell and Moffitt, (agents for Messrs. S. L. Rutter, of Kempsey), for defendant. This matter, which was a remit from the Supreme Court, was an action brought by Henry Edmund Palmer against James Baird M'Iver, to recover £40 for alleged breach of agreement. The defence was a denial of the agreement, and a plea of not indebted. Evidence was given that plaintiff, an inspector of stock, had resided in a tenement, known as the "Cottage by the Sea," which was erected on Government land in the Kempsey district. He had given an undertaking to remove the cottage and its contents when requested by the Government to do so. Plaintiff left the place in November, 1903, having previously sold to defendant the right to the cottage, and certain goods and chattels therein, defendant agreeing to remove them within a reasonable time, and to pay the £40 within three months. He had neglected and refused to do so, hence the proceedings. For the defendant it was stated that the agreement was made on condition that the cottage suited him after he had seen it. He examined it and found that it would not suit him, and he thereupon refused to complete the arrangement. His Honor, gave a verdict for plaintiff for £41 15s.

A BUTCHER'S BILL.

Jackson v Michell.

Mr. A. Thomson, instructed by Mr. H. A. Lyons, appeared for plaintiff; and Mr. Kelynack, instructed by Mr. H. P. Steel, for defendant. Plaintiff, Arthur Jackson, of Charing Cross, Waverley, butcher, sued defendant, Theophilus Michell, of 93 Pitt-street, Sydney (executor of the will of Marie Antoinette Welman, late of The Pines, Avoca-street, Randwick, deceased) to recover £27 3s 2d for goods sold and delivered to the deceased during her lifetime and thereafter to the defendant as her executor. The defence was not indebted. For the plaintiff evidence was given, showing that The Pines was a "residential club," and was purchased by the late Mrs. Welman, in 1903. Her husband acted as manager for the members until the club was sold last year, she in the meantime having died, and the goods were supplied both before and after her death. Mr. Welman always paid the bills, but the goods were variously ordered by the late Mrs. Welman, Miss Welman, and the cook. Plaintiff admitted in his evidence that he would have sued Mr. Welman for the amount, but knowing he had no money, he now tried to get it from the estate. In reply to Mr. Kelynack, Welman said The Pines was a limited liability club all the time that he lived there, and there was no difference in the transactions with Mr. Jackson from beginning to end.

His Honor nonsuited plaintiff, who, he said, had given his case away.

A PUBLICAN'S CLAIM.

Nyman v Noonan.

William Nyman, residing at Moore Park View Hotel, Dowling-street, Sydney, brought an action against C. Noonan, residing at 553 Dowling-street, Sydney, and of independent means, to recover the sum of £19 13s 6d, for wine, meals, and refreshments, alleged to have been provided. There was no appearance on behalf of the plaintiff. Mr. Broomfield, instructed by Messrs. Wilkinson and Osborn, appeared for defendant, who pleaded never indebted, a set-off of £40, which he lent to plaintiff on December 29, and other defences. His Honor entered a verdict for defendant for the amount of the set-off, £40.

### CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

(Before Mr. Acting Justice Murray and a jury.)

Mr. H. M. Hamilton prosecuted for the Crown.

A SERIOUS CHARGE.

Ernest M'Gregor, aged 20, pleaded not guilty to a charge, that he did at Bankstown, on January 21, indecently assault a girl, aged 14 years.

Mr. E. H. Gardner defended accused.

The public galleries were cleared during the hearing of the case.

Accused, said Mr. Hamilton, in opening, had been working for the girl's father, who carried on a butchery business at Enfield, and latterly at Bankstown. It was alleged that accused had assaulted the child on more than one occasion. She told her two sisters, aged 13½ and 16, about it, but, unfortunately, they appeared not to have told their parents. On January 21 the little girl was playing the piano, when the accused went into the room and said something to her. He then took her into a bedroom, and it was alleged criminally assaulted her. Footsteps were heard, and accused hid himself in the room. One of the girl's sisters came in and discovered accused, and also saw the child on the bed. Later in the day accused, it was alleged, made an improper suggestion to that sister, which was rejected. The parents were not informed, and it was not until about a month later that the father heard a rumour, and took prompt action. Accused, when arrested, said, "It's a lie." Medical evidence would show that the girl had been tampered with.

Accused gave evidence on oath, and denied the charge. He was given a good character by persons who were well acquainted with him. Other evidence was given to show that on December 24, at the time the alleged offence was committed, the accused could not have been in the company of the girl.

The case for the defence had not concluded at 5.50 p.m., when the Court rose till 10 a.m. the following day.

The jury were locked up for the night.

### QUARTER SESSIONS.

(Before Judge Backhouse.)

Mr. Herbert Harris appeared for the Crown.

SENTENCED.

Augustus Robey, convicted on February 27 of receiving a stolen horse, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment. His Honor said that prisoner could petition to have his case reconsidered after another person against whom a charge was pending had been tried.

John Whitehall, found guilty of inflicting grievous bodily harm upon an old man named Patrick Walsh, in June, 1900, was sentenced to 12 months' imprisonment.

Daniel Green and James Bellingham, found guilty of robbery with violence at the Glebe on January 24, were sentenced, the former to six years' penal servitude, and the latter to seven years' penal servitude. Both had bad records.

Bridget Mahony, convicted of stealing, was sentenced to two months' imprisonment with light labour; then to find a surety in £20 to be of good behaviour for 12 months, in default to serve a further 10 months' imprisonment.

IMPORTANT BETTING APPEAL.

Michael O'Brien, a member of City Tattersall's Club, appealed against a fine of £100 imposed upon him by Mr. Donaldson, S.M., on November 21, on a charge of having used portion of premises known as the City Tattersall's Club, Pitt-street, for the purpose of betting, contrary to the Games, Wagers, and Betting House Act. The grounds of appeal were: That the information upon which O'Brien was charged and convicted disclosed no legal offence; that he pleaded guilty under a misapprehension as to the nature of the offence with which he had been charged; that he was an illiterate man, and having no legal adviser in Court he was under the impression that he was charged with an alleged breach of the City Council's by-laws for loitering, and so pleaded guilty; that the nature of the information had not been stated to him, nor was he asked if he had any reasons to show why he should not be convicted; and that he was not guilty of the offence charged in the information.

Mr. Lamb, instructed by Messrs. Crick and Carroll, appeared for appellant. O'Brien was standing on the steps of the club calling out the "odds" on the Melbourne Cup on Cup Day. He had no connection with any betting house in his life. Rather than waste time, said counsel, O'Brien, who was under the impression that he was charged with loitering, pleaded guilty, and the magistrate thinking that he was connected with the betting shops, inflicted the maximum penalty. A reduction of the fine was now asked for.

Mr. Harris said the Crown would agree to the fine being reduced to £50.

Mr. Lamb wanted a still further reduction. Several men who had been charged with a similar offence a few days before were, he said, only fined 10s.

His Honor: I don't think there should be a fine at all. Offenders should be sent to gaol. The carrying out of this sort of business is the cause of half the cases that come before the Criminal Courts. Speaking generally, this class of thing impress young men with the idea that they can get money without working for it, and consequently young men congregate in knots about the streets, their chief topic being racing and how to get money without doing any work.

Mr. Lamb: On that very day I suppose every bookmaker about Sydney was betting.

His Honor: I am inclined to leave the penalty at £100. I think the appellant ought to be thankful that the Crown has offered to reduce the amount of the fine by half. I may be wrong in my views, which are strong on the subject.

Mr. Lamb: Appellant is not connected with any shop or with those who bet in shops.

His Honor: To my mind they are all the same.

Appellant gave certain evidence.

His Honor said that after the evidence he would not reduce the fine. He would dismiss the appeal and confirm the order made.

Mr. Lamb referred to the fact that the Crown had agreed to reduce the fine.

His Honor: The offer of the Crown does not bind me. If the Crown consents to a reduction appellant can get a refund.

CONVICTIONS QUASHED.

The appeal of William Daniel Scully against his conviction by Mr. J. L. King, D.S.M., at Redfern on November 17, on a charge of stealing a watch, was upheld, and the conviction quashed. Mr. Carter Smith appeared for appellant.

William Donnelly and John Gumbley, appealed against their conviction by Mr. Smithers, S.M., on November 3, at the Water Police Court on a charge of assaulting John Spencer Horton. Mr. W. Mimna appeared for appellants. Respondent did not appear, and the conviction was quashed.

APPEALS DISMISSED.

Thomas Hargraves appealed against his conviction and sentence of six months' imprisonment by Mr. MacFarlane, S.M., at the Central Police Court on January 19, on a charge of having no visible means of support. The conviction was sustained.

Maggie Brown, a middle-aged woman, appealed against a conviction, and sentence of six months' imprisonment by Mr. MacFarlane, S.M., at the Water Police Court on December 29, for stealing from the person. Mr. Mimna appeared for appellant. The conviction was sustained with £5 5s costs.

William Brunt, an old man, appealed against a conviction by Mr. Donaldson, S.M., at Newtown Police Court on January 11, and sentence of two months' imprisonment for indecency. Mr. J. W. Abigail appeared for appellant. The conviction was sustained, with £5 5s costs.

Jewel Henry Price appealed against his conviction by Mr. MacFarlane, S.M., on December 6, at the Central Police Court, on a charge of stealing 6s worth of wire, for which he was sentenced to three months' imprisonment. Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared for appellant. The conviction was sustained, with £5 5s costs.

Lum Lip appealed against his conviction by Mr. Payten, S.M., on December 20, at the Central Police Court on a charge of assaulting Chin Chuck, for which he was fined £1. Appellant desired to withdraw appeal, and conviction was confirmed.

Ernest James Hawke, on November 21, at the North Sydney Police Court, was fined £2 by Mr. Wilshire, S.M., for illtreating a goat, and Mr. E. R. Abigail appeared for him in an appeal against the conviction. After additional evidence had been tendered, the conviction was sustained, with £3 3s costs.

Richard Alfred Jones, a tailor, who, for using threatening language to his wife, was bound over to keep the peace by Mr. Payten, S.M., at Redfern Police Court, appealed against the conviction. Mr. Moss appeared for the appellant, and Mr. P. H. Sullivan for the respondent. The conviction was sustained.

A PENALTY VARIED.

Harold Thomas appealed against his conviction on December 26 by Mr. Macfarlane, S.M., at the Water Police Court, on a charge of assaulting Henry Asher, and for which he was sentenced to a month's imprisonment. Mr. Carter Smith appeared for appellant. The conviction was sustained, but penalty varied by appellant being released under first offender's provisions of the Crimes Act.

## LAW NOTICES.

FRIDAY, MARCH 17.

SUPREME COURT.

Cause Lists.—Banco Court, St. James'-road.—At 10 a.m.: Wakefield v Wood (part heard). At 2 p.m.: Manning v W. and A. M'Arthur, Ltd.

Notice.—The jurors summoned to attend Banco Court on Thursday, the 16th inst, and who were notified not to attend until to-day, and to look in this morning's papers as to hour of attendance, are requested to attend at 2 p.m.

No. 1 Jury Court, King-street.—Fenwick and others v Williams; Raeburn and others v Miller.

No. 2 Jury Court, King-street.—At 10 a.m.: Pepper v Harrison and another (part heard). At 11 a.m.: Pratt v Allen.

Notice.—The jurors in attendance at No. 2 Jury Court, except those engaged in the part heard case, need not attend until 11 a.m. The jurors engaged in the part heard case are requested to attend at 10 a.m.

In Chambers.—At 9.30 a.m.: Chanler v Bowman, for charging order; ex parte James Ryan, re the Married Women's Property Act, for payment over of moneys; Ormond and another v Dunnett and another, further discovery; Wharton v Schofield, special case; Baume v the Commonwealth of Australia, further discovery; Walker v Mitchell, special case.

In Equity.—Before his Honor the Chief Judge in Equity.—At 10 a.m.: Motions generally; C. Coghlan and Conveyancing Act, petition for leave to sell; re J. S. Kennedy, infant, summons for appointment of guardian and maintenance; Christie v Gillett, motion for injunction; re trusts of George James and Trustee Act, motion to appoint new trustee; O'Brien v O'Brien, further consideration; Hordern v Ball, originating summons; re estate of J. Walsh and Conveyancing Act, petition for power to sell; Rolfe v Rolfe, part heard; Eve v Bennett, motion for taxation of costs; Dickson v Harracks, originating summons; Meers v Meers, originating summons; Hurcum v Patrick, originating summons; Minter v Mimna, motion for attachment; Rolfe v Rolfe, originating summons; Cook v Cook, motion to set aside award; re application of A. P. Bedford and R.P. Act (Attorney-General and others, caveators), motion for caveators to file case; Minister for Works and John Smith, petition for payment out; Permanent Trustee Company v Martin, originating summons. Before the Master in Equity.—At 12 noon: Merchants and Traders' Association v Dun, to settle minutes of decree. At 12.15 p.m.: Brown v Beeby, to settle minutes of decree. At 12.30 p.m.: Willis v Hayes, to settle minutes of order. Before the Deputy Registrar in Equity.—At 11 a.m.: Ex parte Moore and L.P. Act, to tax costs.

Probate Jurisdiction.—Before the Deputy Registrar (to pass accounts).—Lucy Ive, 10.15; Elizabeth Cohen, 10.30; Eliza J. Rapley, 10.45; James A. O'Donoghue, 11; the Hon. Samuel H. Terry, 11.15; Edward C. Merewether, 11.45. Before the Registrar (to settle minutes of order).—Thos. Stewart, 11.

Before the Registrar in Bankruptcy, at 10 a.m.—Public examination: Holmes Samuel Chipman. Examination under section 30: Mahomet Bosh. Before the Chief Clerk.—At 10.30 a.m.: Taxation of official assignee's costs. Thomas Weshop.

In Divorce.—Before Mr. Justice Walker.—At 10 a.m.: Stafford v Stafford, part heard, and hearing of causes.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

Before the President and Members.—At 10 a.m.—For hearing—In the matter of an industrial dispute between the Marble and Slate Workers Union of New South Wales Industrial Union of Employees, claimant, and Anthony Hordern and Sons' Industrial Union of Employers, respondent (part heard).

Before the Registrar.—At 11 a.m.: New South Wales Typographical Association v New South Wales Master Printers and Connected Trades Association. To settle issues.

CENTRAL CRIMINAL COURT.

Oswald O'Hara, murder.

SYDNEY QUARTER SESSIONS.

The following appeals against magistrates' convictions and order will be heard:—Joseph Smith, stealing; Henry Halliday, maintenance; Albert Edmund Blacklow, maintenance; Frederick Biddle, maintenance; John Sturrock Robbie, maintenance; Charles Richard Gorry, maintenance; John Slyny, assault; Cyril James Phelps, assault; Charles Irvine, maintenance; William Henry Longhurst, maintenance; Ada Lee, stealing from the person.

DISTRICT COURT.

Before his Honor Judge Gibson.—At 10 a.m.—Motions generally: Braby v Chong Lee Kee, Commissioners of Taxation v Slate, Finlay v Jones, Brennan v Rawage, Magnay v Hanson, Bank of New South Wales v Green. Cause: Alexander v Johnson, Coghlan claimant.

## POLICE COURTS.

ALLEGED OFFENCE UNDER THE POSTAL ACT.

At the Balmain Police Court on Wednesday, before Mr. King, D.S.M., Daniel Rosseer, or Denis Rozier, 28, painter, was charged with having, at Sydney, on November 24, 1902, knowingly sent by post a letter which enclosed an indecent article to William Samuel Thurston, of Darling-street, Balmain. The accused was committed for trial.

The same accused was further charged with assaulting William Samuel Thurston at Balmain on November 22, 1902, and was fined £3, or two months' hard labour. Rozier, it transpired, during the hearing of the cases was arrested at Parramatta on another charge of sending an indecent picture, for which he was sentenced to three months' imprisonment.

A CONSTABLE ASSAULTED.

Bernard Faber, 28, described as a labourer, was, before Mr. King, D.S.M., at the Balmain Police Court, on Wednesday, charged with assaulting Constable John T. Sullivan whilst in the execution of his duty. Evidence was given that the accused used indecent language in Beattie-street in the hearing of the constable, who informed the accused that he would have to take him to the station. Sullivan, who was only just recovering from an illness, was then attacked by the accused, who struck and disabled him. Faber was fined £3 or two months for using the indecent language, and sent to gaol for three months, cumulative on the previous sentence for the assault.

STEALING FROM THE PERSON.

Alice Goldsmith, 31, for stealing 13s from Walter Toovey, was fined at the Water Police Court yesterday £3, with the alternative of two months' hard labour.

ADULTERATED MILK.

At the Glebe Police Court yesterday, before Mr. Isaacs, S.M., Philip J. Newland, inspector for the borough of Leichhardt, proceeded against John Adams, dairyman, of Leichhardt, for having sold to him milk which was adulterated with 14 per cent. of added water. Defendant, who was convicted, was fined £10, and 7s 4d costs; in default, imprisonment for two months.

IDENTIFIED BY FINGER PRINTS.

Sydney Charles Miller, 24, appeared yesterday at the Water Police Court, before Mr. E. H. Wilshire, S.M., to answer a charge that on March 8 he did break and enter the building of William G. Winch, in the Sydney Domain, and steal therein clothing of the value of £3 8s, the property of W. G. Winch. The prosecutor deposed that he was the caretaker for the Sydney Rowing Club, whose shed was situated in the Domain on the water frontage of Woolloomooloo Bay. Witness occupied an upstair room in the shed. On the date mentioned, shortly before 7 p.m., he left the building, after having locked up the premises. He returned shortly before 10 p.m., and as he entered he heard someone walking about upstairs. Witness called out in inquiry as to who was there, but received no reply. He then made a search, but the person managed to get away. Witness ran to the footpath, and saw a man, whom he identified as the accused, in the act of getting over the fence. With the object of frightening the man, witness threatened to shoot him if he did not stop, which the accused promptly did. When asked what he was doing in the shed accused stated that he had been sleeping in one of the boats, and that when he heard witness call out he ran away, because he was frightened. Witness told him to clear out, believing his statement, but on making an examination of the premises witness found that all the lockers had been forced open, and that a portmanteau, packed with clothing, was placed ready for carrying away. He also found that the window and door of the premises had been broken, an entrance having apparently been made by them. Evidence was also given by Sub-Inspector Walter Childs, of the finger-print branch, who produced a piece of glass on which were some finger-prints. A photograph was taken of them, and they were closely examined and found to be identical with those of the accused. He positively swore that the finger-prints of three fingers were those of the accused, whose prints were already in the hands of the department. Within two hours of receiving the piece of glass for examination witness was in a position to give information to the police, which resulted in the arrest of the accused. Accused, who had nothing to say, was committed for trial at the Sessions. Bail was allowed. The accused, on a charge of stealing a pair of trousers, a coat, and vest, of the value of £3 10s, the property of Arthur Leddell, at 60 Duke-street, on March 3, was sentenced to four months, with hard labour.

EMBEZZLEMENT OF SHIP'S STORES.

At the Water Police Court yesterday Thomas Massey, 20, a seaman of the steamer Kadina, then lying in Port Jackson, was charged that he did, whilst legally engaged as seaman on board the vessel, on March 13, embezzle a tin of butter, about 20lb sugar, and 4lb candles, of the total value of 12s, portion of the stores of the vessel. Accused was sentenced to two months, with hard labour.

A PECULIAR CASE OF DETENTION.

Before Mr. J. L. King, D.S.M., yesterday, at the North Sydney Police Court, in the summons division, Elizabeth Faris proceeded against William Browning upon an information alleging that on March 9 he detained certain of her property. The case was a peculiar one, and considerable interest was taken in the proceedings. Complainant, who resides at Mosman, explained that some time ago she gave the defendant some goods to store with Sanders and Co. She received from the defendant the receipt produced when she paid some money. On March 9 she went to Mr. Sanders, and paid him for the storage, and the order produced, with which she went to defendant's place. She saw defendant's wife, who said that she did not recognise Sanders. Defendant refused to give her the goods, which were hers, and which she valued at £19. Edward Ernest Sanders, of King-street, said that the defendant was employed by him, but subsequently was discharged. On March 8 he saw the complainant in reference to some goods stored at his premises at Mosman, for which she paid and received an order on the defendant to deliver up the goods. Defendant had no right to store the goods on his own account. The defendant deposed that the things were left with him by the complainant at his private place, and she was there on several occasions to examine the goods. It was perfectly well understood that the storage was a private matter, and that he would charge her 1s per week. Witness wanted to send the things to Sanders' place in Sydney, but complainant asked him not to do so, as it was a private matter. She owed him 14s for storage. In cross-examination, defendant said that he used Sanders' horse and cart to take the goods to his place. Over his premises were the words "Sanders' Depot," and "Storage." The wife of the defendant corroborated the defendant so far as the alleged private contract was concerned, and said that complainant stated that she could not afford to pay Sanders the full amount. Defendant was ordered to deliver up the goods, and to pay costs, amounting to £1 6s 6d, with the alternative of 48 hours' imprisonment. If the goods are not delivered up, defendant was ordered to pay complainant £19, or, in default, two months' imprisonment, with hard labour.

REFUSAL TO SHOW TICKET.

In the North Sydney Summons Court yesterday, before Mr. J. L. King, D.S.M., Walter S. Wigg, tramway inspector, proceeded against Maud Senior for not showing her ticket when demanded. It was stated that defendant refused to show her ticket to the conductor, who did not know if defendant had a ticket or not. Defendant said that she had already shown her ticket, and on that ground declined to show it again. A fine of 1s was imposed, with 5s 6d costs, or, in default, three days' imprisonment.

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## CUSTOMS AND EXCISE INQUIRIES.

Before the Collector of Customs (Mr. N. Lockyer) yesterday inquiry was made into several alleged breaches of the customs and excise regulations. In each case the papers will be forwarded to the Minister for decision.

Todd, Lamb, and Co., Limited, were the respondents in a matter with regard to an alleged omission to enter goods. It appeared that the goods were contained in a case which was omitted from both invoice and entry. The case contained a quantity of advertising matter, cartoons in the flat, and some specimens of paint on wood. The importers explained that the whole shipment was sent to Sydney from New Zealand, and the only advice was the invoice, which mentioned 38 cases of paint in a footnote, and detailed 34 cases and a number of packages, which it was assumed were packed in one of the four cases. The goods were examined in bond, and it was found that one of the four cases contained the omitted goods.

Isherwood and Bartlett, alleged misdescription of goods. The goods in question were moirette and moire linings, which were entered as cotton piece goods, dutiable at 5 per cent. The department, however, found that the goods contained silk liable to a duty of 15 per cent. The respondents explained that they had no idea that the goods contained silk, and that they had, before passing the entry, submitted a sample to a firm of public analysts (Dixon and Byrn) for analysis. The report was that the goods contained no silk. The departmental analysis supplied by the Government Analyst showed that the goods contained silk. That view was supported by the manufacturers, who, in reply to the importers' query by cable as to whether the materials contained silk, replied in the affirmative. The importers on receipt of the cable wrote to the department, and said that, in face of the reply from the manufacturers, they would make no attempt to explain why the goods were wrongly entered.

R. Hall and Son, purchasing leaf tobacco from a person not registered as a dealer or producer under the Excise Act, 1901. The evidence showed that the leaf was sent to the respondents by Messrs. Cameron and M'Fadyen, to be sold on behalf of the grower, A. Allen, of the Manning River, the last-named person not being a registered producer or grower under the Excise Act.

G. A. Hunn, of Lithgow; Wm. Cahill, of Molong; J. E. Connor, of Molong; C. Austin, of Molong; and J. Still, of Grenfell, hotelkeepers, were called upon to explain why they had omitted to cancel beer excise duty stamps. Hunn explained that he was ill at the time the cask was put out, and that his wife neglected to cancel the stamp. Cahill said that he was ignorant of the fact that the stamps on cases had to be cancelled. Connor explained that his omission was due to inadvertence; and Austin said that the omission was due to the ignorance of a temporary hand working in the place. J. Still explained that it was an oversight on his part, as the stamps were so small, and his cellar was very dark.

J. A. S. Jones, brewer, of Lithgow—issuing improperly marked vessels of beer from brewery. The respondent explained that the casks in question were old ones that had been branded with the initials of the name of the brewery, and must have been sent out a long time ago, because there was no trace of them in his books. The inspecting officer, however, reported that the casks were only branded Jones, Lithgow, the name of the brewery being very indistinct. He traced one as having been issued on January 10 last, but he could not trace the other.

## THE RHODES SCHOLARSHIPS.

### TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—Some years ago an inquiry was held on behalf of the Universities of Oxford and Cambridge on the state of certain ancient endowments, the provisions of which, especially as regards the Founders' Kin, had naturally become in the course of perhaps hundreds of years somewhat obsolete.

After grave discussions an Act was passed permitting, in many instances, the incomes to be applied as more modern wants seemed to necessitate. It was, however, recognised that a great danger existed that in the future the inclination to bequeath and endow in favour of the Universities might be jeopardised by the idea that the founders' intentions could at any time be set aside.

Whether this sense of insecurity has had the effect or not, it is certain that both the great English Universities have suffered of late years from the want of fresh benefactions. In any case, I think everyone will agree that the original scheme of a great mind like Cecil Rhodes's should be carried out as closely as possible according to his expressed wishes, and as on the 25th inst the second election to the Rhodes Scholarship of New South Wales takes place, a short review of the selections that have been made up to date would not be out of place.

Victoria has recently made her selection for 1905, and has chosen a gentleman of 23 years of age, who graduated at Melbourne University in 1902, and has since been resident medical officer at the Children's Hospital. I see it is also stated in your columns that this gentleman is proceeding to Oxford to pursue a post-graduate course of study and research in pathology, bacteriology, and physiology. This seems to me to be a Fellowship, and not a scholarship.

Last year in New South Wales a graduate of 23 was appointed. Tasmania followed suit.

In Queensland and Western Australia young men of 19 have been chosen.

In Cape Colony, to which State Cecil Rhodes awarded four of these scholarships annually, he actually named in his will the four schools whose representatives were to receive the scholarships.

It seems, therefore, that in Queensland and Western Australia, where there are no universities, the plain terms of Rhodes's will have been complied with.

In New South Wales, Victoria, and Tasmania, the scholarships have been used as University prizes.

Whether Mr. Rhodes was right or wrong in his wish to bring colonial boys into the midst of their English contemporaries with equal financial opportunities of seeing all sides of university life, I do not think need be debated. It is no doubt far from the wish of those entrusted with the disposition of this princely donation that the money should be devoted to other purposes than it was intended, but there is evidence of great divergence of opinion as to the intention.

Now it seems to me that the great test which Rhodes wished to apply was that of the estimation in which the boy was held by his schoolfellows and by his masters. He was to be young enough to readily receive all the impressions that Oxford could give: he was to be of a strong enough character and physique to retain and impart to others the best of the impressions so received.

I cannot find any record of a wish expressed by Mr. Rhodes that the recipient should have had a course of university training in the colonies, and from my personal knowledge of Mr. Rhodes at Oxford, and his subsequent life and speeches, I think that he was impatient of the groove of modern conventional education.

I have myself naturally a great admiration for and sympathy with the work of the universities both here and in England, but in this case I would urge that the closest consideration should be given to the intention of the donor, especially in regard to Mr. Rhodes's cherished idea of a leader chosen by his fellows. I am, etc.,

OXONIENSIS.

March 15.

## THE PREMIER ON TOUR.

### TO THE EDITOR OF THE HERALD.

Sir,—In your columns in to-day's issue, referring to the Premier's visit to Glen Innes, the following sentence occurs:—"On the previous day he (i.e., the Premier) went out with two companions and one gun, and in less than an hour 60 quail fell, the bulk under his aim."

Now, Sir, as I am well aware that the close season for quail for the Glen Innes district does not expire till April 15 in each year, I should like to know whether a man, simply because he is State Premier, is to be allowed to defy the law? If not, will the authorities deal with him, as they do with others under similar circumstances.

Quite recently three gentlemen started out to get a few (not 60) quail for a sick person, but they were promptly pounced upon by the police, prosecuted before justices, and fined.

In conclusion, I may remark that, knowing the Glen Innes district intimately, and the habits of the quail there, I am in a position to say, without hesitation, that they are hatching at the present time, and will so continue for at least another month, and on this ground alone, cockney sportsmen should be made to observe the law, or pay the penalty.

I am, etc,

March 15. A TRUE SPORTSMAN.

The "Mail" has a large picture of Lord Ullin's Daughter, winner of the Australian Cup, with a snapshot of the finish of the race.—Advt.

## LEGAL NOTICES.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—Notice is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matter will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the 27th day of March, 1905, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the 23rd day of March, 1905. Re JOHN MURPHY, No. 16,430, of Moss Vale, Baker. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. L. T. LLOYD, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—In Bankruptcy.—Notice is hereby given that the Single Meeting of Creditors in the following matters will be held at the Court, Citizens'-chambers, Moore-street, Sydney, on the fifth day of April, 1905, at 11 a.m., or as soon after as the course of business will permit. To entitle a creditor to vote thereat his proof must be lodged with the Registrar in Bankruptcy not later than the first day of April, 1905. Re MARGARET MUNDAY, No. 16,469, of Gordon-road, Artarmon, Married Woman. Re RICHARD BENJAMIN GOFF, No. 16,476, of The Bristol Arms Hotel, Sussex-street, Sydney, Hotelkeeper. Re CHARLES MORRICE BERKELEY, No. 16,486, of 1 Stewart-place, Paddington, Actor and Theatrical Manager. ARTHUR HENRY, Registrar in Bankruptcy. Mr. W. H. PALMER, Official Assignee.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of BENJAMIN OWENS, late of Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Master Mariner, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the first and final Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney; and all persons having any Claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the eighteenth day of April, at 12.15 o'clock in the afternoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this sixteenth day of March, in the year 1905. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. SLY and RUSSELL, Proctors for the Executor, 369 George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOSEPH SEE, late of Wallalong, near Hinton, in the State of New South Wales, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Chancery-square, Sydney; and all persons having any Claim on the said Estate, or being otherwise interested therein, are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the twenty-sixth day of April next, at half-past eleven o'clock in the forenoon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto; otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to, the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this sixteenth day of March, in the year 1905. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. SLY and RUSSELL, Proctors for Executor, 369 George-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of ROBERT HENRY DE WINTON, late of Graftonbury, in the County of Hereford, England, Esquire, deceased.—Notice is hereby given that the First Accounts in the above Estate have this day been filed in my office, Queen's-square, King-street, Sydney, and all persons having any claim on the said Estate or being otherwise interested therein are hereby required to come in before me at my said office on or before the seventeenth day of April next, at twelve o'clock noon, and inspect the same, and if they shall think fit object thereto, otherwise if the said Accounts be not objected to the same will be examined by me and passed according to law. Dated this sixteenth day of March, in the year one thousand nine hundred and five. T. W. GARRETT (L.S.), Registrar. STEPHEN, JAQUES, and STEPHEN, Proctors for Administrators, 12 and 14 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN HOLLEY, late of Cook's River-road, St. Peters, Sydney, in the State of New South Wales, Miner, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will and Testament of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MICHAEL HOLLEY, of St. Peters aforesaid, the Executor named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. McEVILLY and McEVILLY, Proctors for Applicant, 13 Castlereagh-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of CHRISTIAN CADELL, late of Windsor, in the State of New South Wales, Spinster, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to MARY DIGHT and HARRIET ANNE BOLTON, the Executrices named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom all claims against the Estate should be addressed. W. A. WINDEYER, Proctor for the Executrices, 78 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of SOPHIA ANN NICHOLS, late of 71 Short-street, Balmain, near Sydney, in the State of New South Wales (wife of GEORGE STEWART NICHOLS), deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to GEORGE STEWART NICHOLS, the Executor named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. CHARLES THOMAS POOLE, Proctor, 108 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of JOHN ALBERT PEGGS, late of Brightlingsea, in the county of Essex, England, Gentleman, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the Publication hereof that the Probate of the Will of the abovenamed deceased granted by His Majesty's High Court of Justice, in England, in respect of the above Estate, may be sealed with the seal of this Court. All notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned. STEPHEN, JAQUES, and STEPHEN, Proctors, 12 and 14 O'Connell-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MARIA GASCOIGNE, late of Mittagong, in the State of New South Wales, Spinster, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to THOMAS GASCOIGNE and JOHN KENDRICK GASCOIGNE, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned, to whom creditors are required to send in their claims. SENDALL and McCARTHY, Proctors, Moss Vale. By R. P. HICKSON, Sydney, agent.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of THE RIGHT REVEREND ELZEAR TORREGGIANI, late of Armidale, in the State of New South Wales, Roman Catholic Bishop, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to THE RIGHT REVEREND PATRICK JOSEPH O'CONNOR, the sole Executor named in the said Will, and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. DAVID PHILIP CLAVERIE, Proctor for the Executor, Armidale. By his Agents, MACKENZIE and MACKENZIE, 164 Pitt-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Estate of JOHN CAMERON, late of [illegible], near Dubbo, in the State of New South Wales, Farmer and Grazier, deceased, intestate.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Administration of the Estate of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to ALEXANDER CAMERON, the eldest son of the said deceased; and all notices may be served at the offices of the undersigned, [illegible] Dubbo. FITZHARDINGE and SONS, Solicitors, Dubbo. By their Agents, M. A. H. FITZHARDINGE, Solicitor, 14 Moore-street, Sydney.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF NEW SOUTH WALES.—Probate Jurisdiction.—In the Will of MICHAEL McNAMEE, late of [illegible], Wyndham-street, Alexandria, in the State of New South Wales, Freeholder, deceased.—Application will be made after fourteen days from the publication hereof that Probate of the last Will of the abovenamed deceased may be granted to THOMAS MICHAEL McNAMEE and STEPHEN McNAMEE, the Executors named in the said Will; and all notices may be served at the office of the undersigned. J. CROWE, Proctor for Executors, c/o JAMES W. ABIGAIL, 97 Elizabeth-street, Sydney.

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## MONETARY AND COMMERCIAL.

Thursday Evening.

A quiet tone prevailed in stocks and shares, but there was no very material variation in rates from which actual business transpired. Colonial Sugar [illegible] higher at 39l, and Australian Gas also 2s 6d higher at 17. United [illegible] recorded a shade, selling at £5, a [illegible] sale. Business reported was:—Forenoon: Colonial Sugar, 39l; Australian Gas, [illegible]. Noon: Nil. Afternoon: Colonial [illegible]; United Insurance, £5. Closing quotations were as follows:—

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tracted after Sunday, January 22, will be repudiated, because no nation can lend to the Russian Government in good faith, or in ignorance of the fact that the people and the bureaucracy are struggling to discover which of them really represents the nation.

Obviously the committee is attacking the Government at its most vulnerable point.

The trade statistics for Victoria for 1904 are now available. The interstate figures are of particular interest, showing as they do that not only has New South Wales last year been a better market for goods from the neighbouring States, but they have also in some instances at least taken more from her. Here are the official figures comparing the imports into Victoria from the various States during the last two years:—

| | Imports into Victoria. 1903. £ | 1904. £ |
|---|---|---|
| New South Wales | 3,297,545 | 4,352,895 |
| Queensland | 400,766 | 875,415 |
| South Australia | 904,902 | 883,600 |
| Western Australia | 221,989 | 169,759 |
| Tasmania | 694,294 | 1,204,398 |
| Total | 5,519,556 | 7,353,067 |

The aggregate imports last year into Victoria were £20,091,000, of which £7,353,000 were from the Commonwealth, £7,266,000 from the United Kingdom, £1,856,000 from other British possessions, and £3,615,000 from foreign countries. The exports in 1904, not including interstate shipments, totalled £16,172,000, of which £7,953,000 went to the United Kingdom, £4,553,000 to other British possessions, and £3,665,000 to foreign countries.

Keen competition has of late been experienced between the British banks, municipal councils, and the Government, to get what little surplus money was available. Some of the banks, pressed for coin, have entered into the field hitherto occupied almost exclusively by the Post Office Savings Bank. The Nottingham Joint Stock Bank, for instance, is offering 2½ per cent to small depositors, and has agreed to open its offices from 6 to 8 p.m. on Saturdays. Some of the banks have even allowed savings depositors to operate with cheques. The Halifax Joint Stock Banking Company waives the necessity for notice of withdrawal. Some of the banks agree to pay 2½ per cent. "on each completed pound," others 2¾ per cent. on sums between £50 and £100, while sums above £100 are to receive a return of 3 per cent. Competition with municipalities has lessened, both corporations and depositors beginning to realise that the former have no liquid assets on which they could draw in the event of heavy repayments being necessary. The borough treasurer of Bury, in Lancashire, reports that he made inquiries from 100 boroughs, 19 of which accepted loans of from £10 to £90. With the exception of two cases the response of depositors had been very poor, and in some cases an absolute failure.

During 1904, the Royal Mint issued £10,000,000 in sovereigns, and £1,042,000 in half-sovereigns, as compared with £9,100,000 in sovereigns, and £1,044,000 in half-sovereigns issued in 1903. Silver to the amount of £605,801 was issued, as against £557,247 in 1903, and bronze to the value of £77,895, as against £113,896. The amount of gold withdrawn from circulation—£2,100,000—was exactly the same as in 1903, but no less than £638,339 of silver was withdrawn, as compared with £276,830 in 1903. Thus the Mint is adhering to its policy of not adding to the silver in the country, as the operations of the year actually reduced the supply in circulation. No withdrawals of bronze coin ever take place, and it is a marvel to all concerned where the large issues each year get absorbed. The number of pieces struck at the Mint last year were:—Imperial, 50,113,437; colonial, 45,024,000; as against, in 1903, Imperial, 64,625,306; colonial, 50,074,415.

## ENGLISH COMMERCIAL.

LONDON, March 15.

### SILVER.

Bar silver is quoted to-day at 2s 2 15-16d per oz standard, a fall of 1-16d since yesterday.

### METALS.

March 16.

Copper.—On spot is quoted at £68 12s 6d, a fall of 2s 6d since yesterday, and three months at £69, also a fall of 2s 6d per ton since yesterday.

Lead.—Soft foreign is quoted at £12 5s, a fall of 1s 3d since yesterday.

### PEARL SHELLS.

At the auction sales of pearl shells, 3500 cases were offered. There was a very dull market, and there were large withdrawals. Queensland declined 45s, and Western Australian 20s.

## BREADSTUFFS.

The market was exceptionally quiet for both wheat and flour. Shippers were still offering 3s 3½d to 3s 4d for f.a.q. to prime wheat, but very little was coming forward. Flour may be quoted at £8 to £8 5s.

A leading wheat shipper, referring to remarks in our column on "scare" reports as to the quality of New South Wales wheat, stated to-day that he had received several letters from wheat importers in Great Britain, deprecating the circulation of such reports. "You are allowing one of your chief products to be depreciated," wrote one English buyer. Another asserted that whereas South Australian and Victorian wheat were being bought afloat and to arrive, operators were refusing to take our wheat in that way, but were insisting in almost every instance on buying from sample only. The question is regarded in wheat shipping circles as one of great moment to our wheat producers and to the State.

At Darling Harbour to-day 510 tons of flour and 161 tons of wheat were manifested to arrive.

## IMPORT MARKET.

Transactions in this market were still on a restricted scale, and prices were without any noteworthy movement. Moderate business was done in tea at steady rates. Fencing wire moved off in small quantities at firm prices, and chemicals were in good demand, with advances in several instances. Other lines were quiet.

Tea.—One hundred and fifty chests Indian and Ceylon sold at 7d to 1s; 50 chests Ceylon at 6½d to 8d; 160 halves at 6½d to 9½d; and 42 packages of Indian on private terms.

Mr. Brodrick (Secretary for India), in replying to a deputation which asked for the remission of the 2d per lb duty on tea, said: "They all knew that 40 years ago there was practically no British tea industry at all, and China monopolised nearly the whole of it. In fact, between 1866 and 1905 the proportion of Chinese tea consumed in this country had fallen from something like 96 per cent. of the whole to something like 4 or 5 per cent. It was one of the most remarkable instances of change in the source of a commodity which had become a necessity of life that had ever been known. He recognised that this result was due to the energy and enterprise shown in India and Ceylon, which had gradually raised the Indian contribution to 60 per cent. and the Ceylon contribution to a little over 31 per cent. Whereas in 1866 they practically got the whole of their tea supplied from foreign sources, they now got from British sources over 92 per cent. of the whole. He found it a little difficult, from the figures supplied him from Somerset House, to follow the argument that the great depression under which they were suffering was due to the taxation which had been put upon the article. In the first place, it must be obvious that they had been increasing the area of plantation, not merely to provide for the increase of consumption in this country, which would follow with the increase of population, but they had also been supplanting Chinese tea until now they had practically got the whole trade. The increase of population only justified an increase in the supply of tea of a little less than 1 per cent. per annum, and there was no evidence that that increase had not continued. The point was whether the consumption of tea had been checked by reason of the taxation, and on that he would point out that the increase of price had been much more moderate than the increase of duty. That being so, could the consumer have taken more, even had the price been lower? The rate of consumption had gone up since 1866 from 3½lb per head of the population to a little over 6lb per head in the United Kingdom. The statistics showed that the consumption of nearly every dutiable article had fallen since 1900, and he could not, therefore, think that the increased tea duty was responsible for the whole of the decreased rate of increase of consumption that had taken place. He would suggest that it was possible they had reached what Sir Michael Hicks-Beach once called the saturating point of consumption of tea per head of the population. A possible remedy for the present condition of their trade might be an extension of the attempt they had already made to conquer new markets of the world. The question of protecting the tea trade against the imports of inferior Chinese tea was a very important one. The Chancellor of the Exchequer had promised that a very careful inquiry should be made as to the effect of the introduction of that tea into this country and as to the possibility of a bylaw further raising the class of tea allowed to be imported [illegible]

soon be absorbed. The excellent keeping quality of the Australian variety is being confirmed by the condition of the present stock. The fruit is, of course, about six months older than Valencias, but the condition is very much better, and the change which occurs in the way of crystallisation in Valencias is a very much slower process with the Australians. The fruit seems to be more fleshy, and in consequence is less inclined to show its age. The prices which are now ruling are a great disappointment to the shippers, and should, on the other hand, be a distinct advantage to the dealers and retailers."

Eastern Produce.—Fifty boxes preserved ginger sold on private terms. Five tons of canary seed to arrive went at £25.

Liquors.—Lowndes's rum was in demand, and one holder is quoting 2s firm, and sales have been made recently of White's O.V.R. at 2s 8d. Usher's special reserve whisky was reported to be moving off freely.

Brewers' Goods.—Comparatively little business was moving. Latest advices state that reliable samples of Tasmanian hops are not yet available, but growers are asking up to 1s 6d. A few advanced samples of New Zealands have been received, and quotations, which are regarded as more or less speculative, are about 1s 2½d c.i.f. and e. Kents were very quiet, and a few parcels were sold at 3s to 3s 3d, but indent parcels could be had at lower figures. Californian on spot were worth about 1s 11d to 2s D.P. for prime quality. Bohemians had small inquiry, and were quoted at about 2s 3d, but merchants practically hold no stocks. Malt was quiet, and prices were unchanged. Isinglass had but little inquiry. Penang leaf was scarce, quotations being 4s 6d, and for Brazil lump 3s 9d was asked.

Metals.—Ten tons No. 8 black fencing wire sold at £8 2s 6d to arrive, and 15 tons each No. 8 and No. 10 sold on spot at £8 5s and £8 10s. Other lines included 10 tons 12-gauge barbed wire at £13 10s; 20 400-gallon tanks at 55s.

Jute.—With the exception of some inquiry for cornsacks, all lines were quiet, and prices were unchanged.

Oils.—A few small lines moved off at recent rates. Two tons Champion's white lead in 28lb sold at £28 10s.

Italy's Olive Oil Production.—In view of the growing popularity and high quality of South Australian olive oil a glance at the industry in Italy is interesting, and it is somewhat significant that the consumption of cotton seed oil is fast increasing in the latter country. The production of olive oil in Italy, says the "Handelsblatt der Chemiker Zeitung," may be reckoned at 3,260,000 hectolitres per annum. The export of Italian olive oil, which for a number of years grew very fast, has for the last few years lost its elasticity. It amounted to 35,403 tons unwashed oil in 1902, and fell back to 28,446 tons in 1903. England got 3181 tons of this, Germany 1008 tons, Russia 2900 tons, and South America 7600 tons. On the other hand, the trade in washed olive oil was better, it having risen from 11,600 tons in 1902 to 15,682 tons in 1903. The consumption of cotton seed oil becomes a more important item in Italy every year. Some years ago it was a small matter, but the annual importation has grown to about 3672 tons, of which 3383 are got from the United States. In mineral oils Italy has become a very large importer, having received 24,398 tons during the year 1903, exclusive of petroleum, of which the quantity imported in that year was 68,220 tons. Russia's share in this trade was 21,400 tons, and America's 39,149 tons, whilst 7069 tons were got from Roumania and Galicia. The ever-growing consumption of Russian petroleum in Italy, says the journal, is very noteworthy. Besides olive oil, the only oil she exports in anything like quantities is orange oil, and this reached the figure of 559 tons.

Chemicals.—There was a good all-round demand for most lines, and prices showed an upward trend. Two hundred barrels of g. rosin sold at an advance of 10s on recent rates. Ten tons Brunner Mond's bi-carb. soda in one and three cwt. sold at £8 2s 6d to £8 17s 6d, since which prices advanced 10s. There has been considerable speculation in this line, and supplies are short. Ten tons Muspratt's caustic soda went at £12 5s to £12 10s; half a ton of cream of tartar at 9d, 10 tons Gostling's English whiting at 67s 6d, one ton of bluestone at £26 10s, and 50 tons rocksalt sold to arrive.

Messrs. Fraser, Uther, and Co. will offer at auction to-morrow (Friday), at the Australian Bond, at 11 a.m., with all faults, ex Orizaba, one case Legitimidad cigars, also at Smith's Wharf, Miller's Point, at 3 p.m., with all faults, ex Miltiades, 19 cases galvanised corrugated iron.

The Customs revenue received at Sydney to-day amounted to £11,779. The principal items were:—Stimulants, £1794; narcotics, £708; sugar, £44; agricultural products and groceries, £783; apparel and textiles, £2291; metals and machinery, £194; oils, paints, and varnishes, £52; earthenware, cement, etc, £64; drugs and chemicals, £104; wood, wicker, and cane, £284; jewellery and fancy goods, £887; leather and rubber, £149; paper and stationery, £111; vehicles, £72; miscellaneous, £273; harbour and light dues, £102; pilotage, £83; excise on spirits, £365; excise on tobacco, cigars, and cigarettes, £1057; excise on beer, £64; excise on sugar, £2445.

## A CHAT ABOUT JUTE.

### THE MILLS IN INDIA.

Mr. John Bathgate, who arrived in Sydney on Thursday last from Calcutta, where he has spent several years, gave some interesting information concerning the jute mills of India to a "Herald" representative yesterday. "There are," said Mr. Bathgate, "about 130,000 native hands employed in the jute mills. The largest mill probably does not employ more than 20 white men, who act as weaving masters, spinning masters, etc. The jute industry is, however, increasing rapidly, and with the extensions now in progress it is anticipated that fully 150,000 hands will be employed in the very near future. Large numbers of women and children are employed in the mills, the former mostly in preparing, spinning and sewing. The weaving, however, is attended to entirely by men. Nearly all the managing men of the mills are Scotchmen, who learn their business in Dundee, where jute was first manufactured. Jute, as you know, is the cheapest fibre in the world, being worth on an average about £13 to £14 per ton, as compared with more than double that for Manila hemp."

Questioned as to the possibilities of labour troubles arising, Mr. Bathgate said: "One cause of the present high price of woolpacks is that the jute manufacturers fear trouble with their hands. There is great difficulty in getting the workers to stick to the looms where the heavy work is done. Naturally, when a weaver can get an opportunity to work on hessian looms he prefers it as being much lighter. Woolpacks are manufactured from the heaviest cloth made, and very frequently if a man is put on to woolpack cloth he refuses to work and quits the factory. The cheapness of labour gives the Calcutta mills the advantage of the European factories. That is one of the secrets of their great success, and of the rapid development of the industry. On the other hand, however, as jute is an annual plant, manufacturers have to lay in large stocks of the fibre, sufficient, in fact, to last them for a year. Thus extensive storage accommodation is required. Between August and December the manufacturers must buy enough to carry them on till the following September. Again, they must always have a reserve of the old crop as the first of the new crop is immature, and does not spin well unless mixed with old jute. By the time the new crop is in full swing, however, they can use its product alone.

"Speaking generally," continued Mr. Bathgate, "the Calcutta mills use about one-half the jute grown locally, and the other half is exported to Dundee, Germany, and elsewhere. Roughly, the production of a loom is about 230 yards per day of hessian, and 150 yards of the heavier texture for sacks and bags. At present the world's demand has overtaken the supply in the heavy goods, but not so with the hessian. For this reason, I am of opinion that prices for heavy goods are likely to remain on a permanently higher level than formerly, though, perhaps, not quite so high as at present."

Mr. Bathgate then proceeded to quote some interesting statistics showing the progress of jute manufacturing in India. The mills, which are all situated near Calcutta, the highest in point of location at Gourepore, 30 miles up the river, and the lowest at Budge Budge, 15 miles down the river, have a total capacity of 9900 looms engaged in the manufacture of sacking, 11,418 making hessian, or a total of 21,318. In the sacking department, 27in., 36in., 32in., and 32½in. appear to be the widths most favoured, as those looms far outnumber the others. For example, there are 3468 looms working on 27in. textures, 2289 on 36in., 1033 on 32in., and 1016 on 32½in. In the hessian looms 52½in. would seem to be the most popular with 2768 looms, 40½in. next with 2021, whilst the only other two amongst the thousands are 52in, with 1862, and 46in. with 1284.

Reference was next made to the rapid growth of the mills. On January 1, 1901, for instance, there were 8727 sacking looms. During the year there was a slight decrease, due to a number being converted to hessian looms, because there was a mild boom in that material, and the number on January 1, 1902, stood at 8430. In 1903 an increase again took place, and on January 1 the number had reached 8801; in 1904 the total was 9341, and on January 1 this year it had risen to 9900. During the same period, however, the growth of hessian looms has been much more rapid. In 1901 there were 6809; in 1904 the number had jumped to 10,500, and on January 1 this year it had increased to 11,418.

The profits of the mills, of course, vary considerably, according to management and other circumstances. The highest mill on the list, according to latest returns, made during the past year, over 11 lakhs of rupees, whilst the lowest totalled 1.59 only. Eleven out of 20 mills made over 4 lakhs, and six made over 6 lakhs.

Mr. Bathgate purposes proceeding to New Zealand on Saturday on a visit to his friends, and will return to Calcutta in June next.

## EXPORT MARKET.

Australian Tallow in London.—At Wednesday's auction at the Baltic Rooms prices, according to our cable, were unchanged. Offerings were heavier, sales, however, being somewhat light, fine mutton realising 29s 6d, medium ditto 25s, fine beef 25s 9d, and medium 23s 6d. The following comparison may be made of the result of the last five sales:—

| | Offered. Casks. | Sold. Casks. | Medium Mutton. per cwt. | Medium Beef. per cwt. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| February 15 | 626 | 420 | 25 6 | 24 6 |
| February 22 | 795 | 264 | 25 6 | 24 6 |
| March 1 | 1,233 | 244 | 25 6 | 24 6 |
| March 8 | 1,825 | 482 | 25 0 | 22 6 |
| March 15 | 1,375 | 825 | 25 0 | 23 6 |

Leather.—The Minister for Mines and Agriculture has received some samples of leather from Mr. C. C. Lance, the Commercial Agent in London. One described as "Army Butts" is the leather used for making military boots, and Mr. Lance considers it could be supplied by New South Wales tanners. It is required to be three-eighths of an inch thick. There is also a sample of harness-leather such as would be acceptable to the War Office. Objection appears to be taken by the War Office authorities to the pinky colour so often characteristic of New South Wales leather, and also to the smell it sometimes has. A third sample is the very best class of sole leather used by the best West End bootmakers. Approximate values are stated on the samples as—No. 1 1s 8d per lb, No. 2 1s 5d per lb, No. 3 1s 11d to 2s 1d per lb. The samples may be seen at the export and cold storage branch, Department of Agriculture, Sydney.

Grain Bags.—Mr. J. B. Suttor, Commercial Agent at Kobe, Japan, reports to the New South Wales Government that the quality of our wheat is highly spoken of, but points out that sufficient attention is not given at all times to the quality of the bags. His attention was recently drawn to a consignment in which the bags were rotten. When unloading many of the bags burst, and caused many complaints. Mr. Suttor states that if New South Wales exporters are anxious to lose the Japanese market for wheat, defective bags will soon have the desired effect. A consignment of barley by the same steamer was also in defective bags. The soundness of the bags is all important for Japan. Defects of the nature referred to are specially noted. Mr. Suttor says he has frequently noticed in New South Wales that wheat bags are perished through prolonged storage. In the case under notice it was found that the ends of the bags were rotten. The grain market in Japan is well worthy of special attention, and importations are increasing at a rapid rate. The Japanese Government is doing all in its power, by increased duties on flour, to encourage local milling in Japan. Mr. Suttor is confident that if close attention is paid to the quality of bags and weights, a large grain trade will be done with Australia.

London Wool Sales.—Messrs. Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, report having received from their London agents (Messrs. Sanderson, Murray, and Co.) a cablegram, dated London, March 15, as follows:—"Compared with closing rates of last London sales prices are as follow:—Merino, medium to good, market declined 5 per cent.; merino, greasy inferior, market declined 10 per cent.; merinos, scoured, faulty, and inferior, market declined 12½ per cent.; crossbred, fine, market declined 5 to 7½ per cent.; crossbred, coarse to medium, market declined 15 per cent."

The Pastoral Finance Association, Ltd., reports receipt of the following cable from their London agents:—"Prices, compared with the closing rates of last sales, show a decline of 5 per cent. for medium to good, and 10 per cent. for inferior merinos in the grease; faulty and inferior scoured wools are 12½ per cent. lower. Fine crossbreds have declined 5 to 7½ per cent., and coarse to medium 15 per cent."

Dalgety and Co., Ltd., report having received the following telegram, dated the 15th inst:—"Wool sales continue fairly animated, but prices for inferior, faulty, and earthy merino wools are 2½ per cent. lower since last report, or 7½ per cent. lower as compared with closing rates of last series. Values for fine crossbreds are easier. Prices for medium and coarse qualities of greasy crossbreds have declined 5 per cent. since last advices, making a total drop, as compared with the closing rates of first series, of 10 per cent. for medium crossbreds and 15 per cent. for coarse crossbreds."

Wool Receipts.—At Darling Harbour on Thursday 270 bales of wool were manifested to arrive by rail, while 40 bales came to hand coastwise.

## COMMERCIAL TELEGRAMS.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

There was practically no change in the wheat market, business being quiet. One lot, comprising 500 bags, was sold at 3s 4½d. Millers quote 3s 3½d to 3s 4d for prime milling. A few sales in flour were reported at from £8 5s to £8 10s. Bran sold at 11d. Some millers refuse to supply at that price. Pollard is quoted at 1s. Other offal remains firm.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Quotations on the Exchange to-day were:—Queensland Trustees, b 4s 4½d, s 4s 8d; Queensland 3½ p.c. loan, s £92.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

Sales and quotations:—Bellambi, 30s, b 29s 6d, s 31s; Outtrim Howett, 2s 9d, 2s 6d, b 2s 5d, s 2s 6d.

Sales on the Exchange to-day were:—Victorian 3 per cent., due 1930, £87 10s; ditto, 4 per cent., due 1925, £101 7s 6d; Bank of Victoria, pref., £10 8s; E. S. and A. Bank, debentures, 16s 2d; Melbourne Trams, 22s 10d; Silverton Tram, 61s 6d.

There has been some demand for wheat for forward delivery, and about 10,000 bags sold at 3s 4½d. Moderate business was done on spot at 3s 4d ex store. 200 tons of flour sold for export. Bran is firm at 9d to 9½d. Pollard, 11½d to 11½d. Malting barley is steady at 3s to 4s 3d. Algerian oats are in good demand. About 6000 bags sold at 1s 7½d to 1s 9d ex store and 1s 9½d f.o.b. Maize is 2s 4½d to 2s 5d. Chaff, 45s to 50s. Warrnambool potatoes, £5 15s; Gippsland, £6; Tasmanian, £6 to £6 10s. Onions, £9. Victorian hops are selling at 1s 4½d to 1s 5d.

Business in tea covers 80 chests Indian up to 1s 2d; 50 packages Ceylon and 20 packages fannings. Imported cleaned. Currants are selling up to 4½d; Mildura currants, 4d to 4½d. Bicarbonate of soda on spot sold at £9 2s 6d. Cornsacks, 6s 3d; branbags, 3s 11d. Woolpacks, 2s 2d on spot and 2s 3½d to arrive. Moderate business was done in tinplates at 15s.

## PRODUCE MARKETS.—Thursday.

### TRADE IN SUSSEX-STREET.

To-day's business in the produce markets of Sussex-street was featureless, while previous quotations were unmoved. At the Redfern auction yards good demand prevailed, but the only notable incident was the sale of choice Mudgee lucerne hay at £4 5s per ton.

The turnover in dairy lines was of large dimensions, but prices in no instance made any move. Butter arrivals from coastal factories continue heavy for this season, and retailers in town complained of the difficulty experienced in obtaining full supplies. The natural inference from this is that large consignments are still being handled for export. Cheese was firm, and steady sales of both imported and local makes were advised. Eggs were offered at unchanged rates, but large numbers of Adelaide and cold-room eggs were on the market. Poultry continued dull, but choice fowls and ducks were very scarce.

The chaff market remained firm, buyers operating actively for wheaten at £4 1s 8d, and best oaten at £3 13s 4d per ton. Melbourne hydraulic-pressed oaten hay was in steady request at £3 15s per ton. Straw was unchanged. Lucerne arrivals per steamer were heavier, 93 bales coming to hand to-day. The bulk of this was comprised of new green hay, but sales were made up to £3 15s per ton. At Redfern £4 5s per ton was paid for choice Mudgee hay, but otherwise trade was quiet. Sales of Tartarian seed oats were made at 1s 10d, while Algerians ruled dull. The maize market was firm, i.e., for dry corn at 2s 6d per bushel, but a large proportion of stocks consisted of soft grain. White corn was offered at 2s 5d per bushel. There is now barely any Southern maize in stock, either on the wharf or in store. The potato market was quiet and unchanged.

Wholesale quotations were:—

DAIRY PRODUCE.

Bacon.—Best factory, flitches 6d to 6½d, middles 7½d to 8d, sides 6½d; York Castle, mild-cured, sides 6½d to 6½d, flitches 5½d to 6½d, middles 7½d to 8d; Federal, sides 6½d, flitches 5½d, middles 7½d; Pineapple, sides 6½d, flitches 6½d, middles 7½d; Clarenzo, sides 6d, flitches 5½d; F. F. and L., sides 6½d, flitches 6d, middles 7½d; Rex, flitches 5½d to 6d, middles 7½d, sides 6½d; Bodalla, sides 6½d, flitches 6d, middles, 7½d. Hams: Colonial, 10d; Pineapple, 10½d; York Castle, 9d; F. F. and L., 10d to 10½d; Rex, 10½d lb.

Butter.—Selected choice dry makes 9½d, prime 9d to 9½d, seconds 8½d to 8½d, pastry makes 7d to 8d lb.

Cheese.—Local: Prime loaf 6d to 6½d, soft new 5½d, prime large 6d, inferior from 2½d; Kameruka Cheddar, 7d; Bodalla, 7d lb.

Eggs.—Northern, 1s; Southern, 1s 1d to 1s 2d, choice 1s 3d; new-laid, 1s 4d to 1s 5d, odd lots 1s 6d; cold-room eggs and Adelaides 1s to 1s 1d doz.

POULTRY.

River: Hens 2s to 2s 3d, choice 2s 6d, chickens 1s 3d to 1s 6d, roosters 2s 6d to 2s 9d, choice 3s; guinea-fowls, 3s 6d to 3s 9d; English ducks, 1s 9d to 2s, choice 2s 3d; Muscovy ducks, 2s 6d to 2s 9d, drakes 3s; turkeys, hens 7s to 8s, gobblers, medium 12s to 13s, extra heavy 16s; geese, 3s 6d to 3s 9d pair.

GAME.

Rabbits, 5s, small 3s dozen pair.

BREADSTUFFS.

Wheat.—F.a.q., 3s 3½d to 3s 4d, choice milling to 3s 4½d bus.

Flour.—City roller, £7 15s to £8.

FORAGE MARKET.

Chaff.—Choice green wheaten £4 1s 8d, prime £3 10s to £3 13s 4d, medium £2 15s to £3 3s 4d, inferior from £2 5s. Melbourne: Oaten £2 15s to £3 3s, wheaten £3 10s. Adelaide: £3 15s ton.

Lucerne.—Hunter River: Prime green £3 10s to £3 15s, inferior rough £2 10s. At Redfern: Medium green £2 16s 8d, inferior £2 10s, choice green small £4 5s ton.

Oaten Hay.—Melbourne: Hydraulic-pressed, £3 15s ton.

Straw.—Derrick-pressed: Tasmanian, £2. Local: £1 15s ton.

BRAN AND POLLARD.

Bran, 9d; pollard, 11½d bus.

POTATO MARKET.

Potatoes.—Tasmanian: Redskins, £7, darkskins £6 10s to £6 15s ton.

FEED-GRAIN MARKET.

Barley.—Cape, 2s 8d to 2s 10d; English, 2s 4d to 2s 6d bus.

Maize.—New river, 2s 6d, soft from 2s 4d, white 2s 5d; Southern, 2s 8d bus.

Oats.—Melbourne: Algerian 1s 10d to 2s, seed 2s 1d to 2s 2d. Tasmanian: White feed, 2s 2d to 2s 4d. Local: Prime Algerian, 1s 11d; Tartarian, seed, 1s 10d bus.

Peas.—Blue, 4s to 4s 3d; grey, 3s to 3s 3d bus.

Chickwheat.—Second milling 3s 1½d to 3s 2½d; prime 2s 11d to 3s; medium, smutty, and pinched, 2s 10d to 2s 11d; inferior, weevily, 2s 8d bus.

MISCELLANEOUS.

Onions.—Portarlingtons, £9 10s ton.

Swede Turnips.—Prime, £3 5s to £4 5s ton.

Honey.—60lb tins prime extracted 1½d to 2d, some choice lines 2½d lb.

Lard.—Packets and small bladders 4d to 4½d, bulk 3½d to 3½d lb.

Beeswax.—Dark 1s 1½d, prime clear 1s 2d to 1s 2½d lb.

Millet.—Prime short £22 to £23 10s; prime hurl, £22 10s to £25; inferior, from £18 ton.

REDFERN SALES.

The usual kinds of produce were placed under offer at the Redfern yards this morning, although in smaller proportions. Prices for both chaff and lucerne were well maintained, but grain lines ruled weak. Choice green wheaten chaff sold at 4s 1d, prime sold at 3s 7d and 3s 8d, medium from 2s 9d to 3s 2d, and inferior 2s 3d to 2s 5d per bushel. Choice Mudgee lucerne realised the fancy price of 4s 3d, while soft green hay in small bales brought 2s 8d per cwt. Medium coarse lucerne in large bales cleared at 2s 10d, and inferior 2s 6d and 2s 7d per cwt. Derrick straw found buyers at 1s 8d and 1s 9d per cwt. Out of three offerings of wheat only one sale was effected, bringing 2s 11d per bushel. Tartarian seed oats went at 1s 10d per bushel. A consignment of prime Tumut maize was submitted, but the holder refused to sell under 2s 9d per bushel. Northern potatoes were in good request, sales being made at from 5s 10d to 6s 6d per cwt. Watermelons were disposed of at from 7d to 2s 1d, and pumpkins at from 2s to 2s 3d per dozen.

"P." denotes that the consignment preceding was passed in unsold.

Among the consignees were:—Messrs. J. W. Gray and C. J. Bridge and Co., Ellis and Co., Prescott, Limited, H. M. Suttor and Co., Dalton Brothers, Walker and Oxby, Dent and Perry, Sheppard, Harvey, and Walker, and the Farmers and Settlers' Co-operative Society.

The produce forward consisted of 48 trucks, in the following proportions:—Chaff, 19 trucks; lucerne, 7; straw, 2; wheat, 3; oats, 2; maize, 1; potatoes, 8; melons, 5; and pumpkins, 1.

Consignments were disposed of as follow:—

Chaff.—From Ford, Llangothlin, (12781) p., (2685) 3s 3d; Jennings, Coolamon, (11340) 3s, (3518) p.; ex Hamilton, (8927) 2s 5d, (3186) 2s 5d, (11562) 2s 5d; Christian, Raglan, (2340) 2s 9d; Schwager, Round Swamp, (11235) p.; Rowston, Coolamon, (11431) 4s 1d; J. Fisher, Millthorpe, (3886) p.; Roberts, Marrar, (2870) 3s 8d, (3502) 3s 8d; Stevenson, (291) p.; Patterson, Harefield, (8294) 3s 7d; M'Farlane, Bomen, (x371) p.; F. C. Rowlands, Wangoola, (4825) 3s 8d; Goodacre, Woodstock, (12715) 3s 2d, (3648) 3s 2d cwt.

Lucerne.—Ex Tamworth, (2932) 2s 10d; White, Muswellbrook, (11453) 2s 8d; Prescott and Co., Neningha, (1296) 2s 6d; E. H. Bryant, (2998) p.; W. Reid, (830) 2s 7d; W. Cameron, (3972) 2s 10d; Marks, Mudgee, (11184) 4s 3d cwt.

Derrick Straw.—From C. Haisch, Kelso, (1190) 1s 8d; Pratley, Bathurst, (7049) 1s 9d cwt.

Wheat.—From Stoddart and Co., Manilla, (12663) p.; ex Darling Harbour, (6870) p.; M'Arthur, Coolamon, (3174) 2s 11d bushel.

Oats.—From Whan Bros., Black Mountain, (10537) 1s 10d, (7004) 1s 10d bushel.

Maize.—From Tiy Loong, Tumut, (5233) p.

Potatoes.—From Burgess, Armidale, (6084) 6s; E. B. Purser, Guyra (1408) 5s 10d, and 40 bags oats 1s 11½d; T. Sole, (3310) 13 bags 6s, 12 bags 6s 6d cwt, and 41 bags Manitoba wheat p.

Watermelons.—From Mulgrave, (7375) Ryan 1s 1d and 2s 1d; Windsor, (732) D. Salter 2s 1d; Penrith, (2865) J. Field 2s 1d, (7217) J. Hollier 7d, (380) A. Willett, pumpkins 2s, and melons H. Parker 1s 10d per dozen.

Pumpkins.—From Windsor, (732) J. B. Ryan 2s 3d dozen.

FRUIT MARKETS.

At the Bathurst-street markets to-day prices for passionfruit were slightly easier, as also were persimmons and quinces. Local oranges were placed on the market at 6s for choice, and from 4s to 5s gin-case for medium lots. Mandarins were also available.

Current quotations were:—

Pears.—Victorian: Williams, choice 7s to 8s 6d, prime 5s 6d to 6s 6d, medium 5s gin-case. B.D.C., 6s to 7s; Bergamot, 6s to 6s 6d; Napoleons, 2s 6d to 3s 6d packer. Chinese: 5s 6d to 6s gin-case.

Mandarins.—American Thorneys, 10s case of 230.

Passionfruit.—Choice 7s to 8s 6d, good 5s to 6s, small 2s 6d to 3s half-case, medium 5s 6d to 6s 6d gin-case.

Pomegranates.—4s to 5s gin-case.

Grapes.—Muscatels, 6s; Black Hamburgh, 3s to 4s, white 2s to 4s; Black Prince, choice 6s, medium 3s to 4s half-case.

Lemons.—Choice 6s to 7s, medium 3s to 5s, rough 2s 6d gin-case.

Apples.—Local: Trivetts, small 2s 6d to 3s, good 5s 6d to 6s, choice 5s to 6s 6d; Jonathans, choice 5s 6d to 6s gin-case, jam lots 1s 6d to 2s gin-case. Melbourne: 6s 6d to 7s 6d. Tasmanian: Alexandra, 3s 6d to 4s 6d; Port Rundles, 3s 6d to 4s 6d bushel-case.

Bananas.—Queensland: 5s 6d to 6s 6d case, and 1s to 2s bunch. Fiji: Nominal.

Pineapples.—Common, 3s 6d to 5s; Queens, 3s 6d to 5s case.

Tomatoes.—Good 2s to 2s 6d, small and inferior 1s to 1s 6d half-case.

Watermelons.—Large 5s, small from 1s 6d doz; rock, 2s to 3s 6d gin-case.

Persimmons.—3s to 3s 6d, small from 1s half-case.

Quinces.—Local: Choice 4s, others 2s 6d to 3s gin-case.

Oranges.—American: 16s case of 150 to 200, 8s half-case. Local: Choice 6s, medium 4s to 5s gin-case.

Mandarins.—2s to 3s half-case.

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STOCK TRUCKINGS.

For the sale of March 20, 85 sheep vans and 88 cattle waggons; for the sale of March 23, 178 sheep vans and 69 cattle waggons.

## FAT STOCK SALES.

### HOMEBUSH YARDS.—Thursday.

### SHEEP.

About 28,847 sheep and lambs were penned at to-day's sales, from 125 consignors. The sheep comprised all descriptions, and included a large proportion of medium and useful quality merino wethers, with a sprinkling of prime, and occasional pens of extra prime. Merino ewes were well in evidence, the majority being medium to useful, with odd pens of good to prime. Crossbreds were fairly well represented. They were mainly of fair to good quality, with a few extra prime and heavy. There was a large attendance of buyers, but as the supply was ample for trade requirements the market opened at a fall from late extreme rates of fully 1s per head, the decline being most pronounced on the lower qualities. As the sales progressed values improved for prime, closing at about opening levels, the fall ranging from 6d to 1s per head on prime, and 1s to 1s 6d on the lower qualities. Quotations: Prime merino w 16s 6d to 17s 6d, extra prime merino w 18s 6d to 19s 6d, good merino w 14s to 15s, medium merino w 11s to 13s, inferior merino w 9s to 10s; prime crossbred w 17s 6d to 18s 6d, extra prime 19s to 20s, good crossbred w 15s to 16s, medium crossbred w 12s 6d to 14s; prime crossbred e 16s 6d to 17s 6d, a few extra prime and heavy to 21s 10d, good crossbred e 14s 6d to 15s 6d, medium crossbred e 11s 6d to 13s 6d; prime merino e 13s to 14s, extra prime merino e 14s 6d to 15s 6d, good merino e 11s to 12s, medium merino e 8s 6d to 20s, inferior merino e 6s 6d to 7s 6d. Sales:—

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—Executors late R. D. Allen, Manilla, 32 xb w 19s 11d, 53 16s 11d to 17s, 45 c w 16s 9d, 8 xb w (shorn) 15s 3d, 26 c w 15s; executors late J. Tunney, Bendick Morell, 142 xb w 16s 11d, 48 15s; J. Williamson and Son, Narromine, 255 w 15s 11d to 16s, 47 13s 10d, 8 r 13s 7d, 206 e 10s 6d to 11s, 81 7s 6d; G. T. Davis, Yass, 231 w 13s 2d to 13s 6d, 69 12s 3d; M. O'Shea, Boggabri, 63 w 14s 10d; A. M. Loder, Merah North, 5 w h 13s 3d; P. Reardon, Gundagai, 71 w 12s, 35 11s 6d.

Maiden Brothers.—W. C. H. Roberts, Harden, 12 xb e 21s 10d, 5 w 17s 3d, 120 14s 9d to 15s, 46 13s 6d; executors E. K. Crace, Queanbeyan, 355 w 15s 11d, 143 14s 6d to 14s 5d; J. M'Carthy, Queanbeyan, 196 w 15s 3d to 15s 5d, 53 13s 5d, 26 14s 3d, 16 xb e 15s 7d; J. M'Intosh, Roslyn, 230 w 14s 2d to 14s 8d, 118 11s 5d to 11s 8d; J. J. Garry, Binalong, 43 w 13s 3d, 71 13s 2d, 189 11s 10d to 12s; P. J. Roach, Binalong, 200 w 13s 11d to 14s 6d, 200 12s 6d to 12s 9d; M. Sweeney, Walcha-road, 108 w 12s 4d to 12s 6d; H. J. Bell, Roslyn, 155 10s 10d, 25 15s 4d; Oates Brothers, Millthorpe, 177 w 14s 1d, 31 13s; J. Tully, Gunn'ne, 104 w 12s 9d; R. Dowling, Gunning, 149 w 14s to 14s 4d, 48 12s; E. Hallam, Gunning, 104 w 14s 5d; S. J. Stapleton, Tarana, 30 (mixed) 10s 8d; J. R. Laverty, Crookwell, 19 w 11s 6d; W. J. Vance, Cootamundra, 267 10s 11d to 11s, 45 9s; W. and R. Chambers, Blayney, 80 e 8s; J. W. Blewitt, Gunning, 103 w 11s 7d; Western agents, 78 e 8s 6d, 100 6s 6d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—M. M'Keown, Attunga, 67 w 18s 6d to 18s 7d, 20 16s 9d, 85 16s 7d; H. Cameron, Manilla, 20 c w 18s, 20 17s 9d, 40 17s 4d to 17s 6d, 212 17s 3d, 134 w 14s 11d to 15s, 73 12s 11d; executors T. A. Herriott, Culcairn, 20 w 17s 9d, 64 17s 7d, 76 to 17s 2d, 40 15s to 15s 2d, 583 14s 11d; J. Denzell, Wangoola, 46 w 16s, 41 e 12 9d, 13 w 12s 7d; E. F. Doyle, Werris Creek, 18 xb e 16s 4d; H. M'Phee, Tarago, 10 xb e 15s 4d, 22 w 15s, 18 e 13s 9d; A. J. M'Innes, Roslyn, 162 w 14s 9d, 20 14s 8d, 21 14s 6d, 20 13s 6d, 48 13s 3d; D. H. Hay, Crookwell, 86 w 14s 2d, 225 12s 6d to 12s 7d; J. Keough, Roslyn, 40 w 12s 7d to 13s 3d, 68 13s; L. Purcell, Woodstock, 44 xb w 13s 9d, 20 w 12s 9d, 81 12s 7d, 55 10s 6d; Southern agents, 85 w 12s 6d, 65 10s 6d, 52 e 10s; J. W. E. Herriot, Culcairn, 6 e 13s 9d; A. S. Tom, Blayney, 8 xb e 12s 9d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—Graham and Ponto, Currabubula, 62 w 17s 11d, 190 16s 5d to 16s 7d; J. R. Black and Co., Moree, 228 w 17s 7d to 17s 10d, 652 16s 4d to 16s 6d; Mackay Bros., Hadleigh, 147 w 17s to 17s 3d, 395 16s 6d to 16s 8d; D. M'Kenzie, Young, 54 w 15s 11d, 41 xb e 15s 2d; H. E. Kater, Nevertire, 25 xb e 17s 9d, 63 e 9s 3d; Western agents, 5 xb 15s 5d to 20s, 42 w 12s 5d; W. A. Cartwright, Bungendore, 22 xb w 15s, 83 w 15s 4d, 70 e 12s 11d; Traill Bros., Lue, 124 e 15s 4d, 362 13s 4d, 144 11s 8d; M. Shanleigh, Cooma, 34 xb w 15s 11d, 121 w 11s 3d, 45 e 10s 5d to 10s 6d, 66 w 8s 11d, 104 x w 11s 2d, 459 w 11s 6d to 12s 6d; A. and R. Oliver, Blayney, 96 w 13s 1d to 13s 6d, 12 xb w 14s 2d; H. E. Kater, Moss Vale, 100 w 14s 2d to 14s 3d; W. S. and H. M. Oliver, Woodstock, 204 w 11s 6d to 11s 9d; R. M. Fitzgerald, Rylestone, 179 w 14s 2d, 19 e 11s 5d; Clements Bros., Blayney, 167 w 12s, 30 10s 6d; R. J. Goggin, Bredbo, 29 w 12s, 145 e 11s 8d; J. T. Phillips, Marulan, 102 w 11s 3d to 11s 4d; D. Graves, Blayney, 87 e 6s 7d.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Ltd.—Southern agents, 208 w 12s 6d to 13s, 7 11s 6d; executors late T. W. Hammond, Junee, 102 w 11s 6d; R. Ewin, Newbridge, 35 e 12s 9d.

J. C. Young and Co.—G. H. Greene, Iandra, 84 w 12s 10d, 14 e 16s 3d; G. F. Taylor and Co., Kentucky, 30 w 17s, 275 16s 4d to 16s 5d, 238 15s 1d; Northern agents, 116 16s 9d to 16s 7d, 8 e 15s 1d; W. W. Meppam, Woolabra, 12 xb e 15s 10d; F. Clarke, 5 xb w 17s, 161 w 15s 4d, 24 14s 6d; Western agents, Coonamble, 113 h 15s 3d, 270 14s 4d to 14s 10d, 12 xb w 17s; Longreach Estate, Marulan, 101 e 9s.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—C. Wynne, jun., Gular, 16 w 19s 5d, 35 18s, 5 16s 9d; J. Cuffe, Bourke, 12 cw 17s 10d, 15 xb e 16s 7d, 44 w 15s 11d, 42 e 15s, 6 r 12s; F. F. Gibson, Grenfell, 110 w 16s 6d, 287 15s 4-9d, 90 15s 9d; G. E. Faithfull, Inveralochy, 102 w 15s 24-7d, 39 15s 9d to 14s; H. Chew, Bendick Morell, 100 w 16s 8-9d, 81 15s 6d; Holmes Bros., Glen Innes, 98 w 16s 1-3d; A. M'Gregor, Boggabri, 37 xb w 16s 5d, 52 w 15s 6d; Circuitt and Co., Queanbeyan, 209 w 14s 11d to 15s, 29 13s 9d; Northern agents, 107 w 15s, 94 13s 6d; H. Russ, Trangie, 149 w 15s 8-9d, 132 w and h 14s 6d; R. C. Cooper, Tarago, 38 w 13s 7d, 126 r 8s; P. Boreham, Tarago, 89 w 12s 6d, 39 11s 3d; Marsh and Maddox, Marulan, 164 w 13s 7-10d, 384 11s 3-9d; R. L. Gilmour, Kelso, 64 xb h 13s 3d; L. Webster, Blayney, 4 xb e 12s, 17 e 10s; D. Sinclair, Woodstock, 5 xb w and e 15s 10d, 21 xb e 12s, 11 e 10s, 65 w 10s 9d; H. Bestwick, Bathurst, 26 xb e 14s 1d, 72 w 11s 3d; A. M'Callum, Yass Junction, 5 xb e 11s, 58 e 9s 4d, 244 7s 3d; Carr Bros., The Forest, 520 e 8s 9-10d.

Weaver and Perry.—Account E. J. Cory, Woolabra, 121 w 17s 5d to 17s 9d, 432 15s 3d to 15s 9d; P. H. O'Brien, Moree, 5 s 17s 9d, 145 e 16s 11d, 77 xb e 16s 9d to 16s 10d, 92 e 14s 9d; A. A. Bowen, Merah North, 16 w 17s 5d; W. T. Lee, West Tamworth, 101 w 16s 2d to 16s 4d, 207 w 14s 2d; Mrs. Riley, Kentucky, 103 w 15s 8d, 126 13s 10d to 14s; W. Onus, Gravesend, 114 w 15s 1d to 15s 2d, 139 14s 4d to 14s 6d; D. Weaver, Gurley Siding, 52 w 14s 10d; T. McCormack, Crookwell, 26 xb e and w, 14s 10d, 179 w 14s 2d to 14s 4d, 46 12s 8d; E. Bunn, Tarago, 139 w 12s 10d, 12 xb e 12s 2d, 69 w 11s 5d; T. Purcell, Roslyn, 90 w 13s 3d to 13s 6d, 228 12s 7d; J. W. McCallum, Roslyn, 108 w 13s 2d to 13s 5d; A. T. Nixon, Roslyn, 108 w 11s 1d to 11s 7d; S. McGuinness, Roslyn, 135 h w 11s 8d, 87 10s 4d; Reynolds and Son, Tarago, 236 e 6s 9d to 7s.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—G. A. M'Leish, Gular, 78 w 18s, 137 16s 6d to 16s 9d, 51 14s 9d; A. M'Donald, Nevertire, 49 w 10s 2d to 10s 4d, 15 e 13s 11d to 10s 2d, 150 w 13s 2d to 13s 8d; H. Humphries, Nevertire, 83 w 15s 1d, 6 e 15s 1d, 335 w 13s 1d to 13s 2d, 71 12s 5d; C. E. Prell, Roslyn, 30 xe 14s 5d, 23 13s 5d; C. H. Barbour, Yass Junction, 56 w 16s 10d, 49 12s 10d; executors late W. M. Rothery, Waugoola Siding, 69 w 11s 8d, 233 10s 7d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—A. Stevenson, Tarana, 34 w 17s, 20 15s 6d, 76 15s 4d, 22 14s; J. and W. Locke, Wambool, 8 xbds 15s 7d, 25 xbds 10s 8d, 27 w 10s; J. Mitchell and Sons, Goulburn, 5 xw 14s, 83 w 13s, 25 12s; G. S. B. Wood, Woodstock, 17 w 13s 7d, 22 e 11s 10d, 9 w 10s 6d, 14 e 9s 11d; L. C. Bailey, Wambool, 28 e 9s 1d.

### LAMBS.

There was only a moderate supply of lambs and hoggets penned. All descriptions were in evidence, the majority being of useful and light quality. Prime was none too plentiful. Competition was active, and values at the opening were equal to last Monday's rates. This strong tone prevailed throughout. Prime lambs 14s to 15s, extra prime lambs 15s 6d to 16s, good lambs 12s to 13s, medium lambs 9s to 11s, young and light lambs 7s to 8s.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Ltd.—A. M. Loder, 81 15s 7d to 15s 11d, 10 13s 9d; M. O'Shea, 8 14s 10d, 15 14s 1d, 10 13s; J. Williamson and Son, 3 11s 1d; G. B. and S. J. Guy, 5 10s 10d, 88 8s 8d to 8s 9d, 22 8s, 5 9s 1d; W. Pike, 5 9s 3d, 53 8s 3d to 8s 7d.

Maiden Bros.—Barrett and Melrose, Scott's siding, 65 14s 5d, 40 14s 4d, 15 13s 3d; J. B. Laverty, 37 8s 11d to 9s, 12 8s; Western agents, 56 7s, 24 6s; S. J. Stapleton, 48 11s 11d to 12s 1d, 13 11s 3d, 10 11s 7d; W. and R. Chambers, 31 8s 9d; W. C. H. Roberts, 8 8s 11d; Western agents, 17 7s 6d.

Wilkinson and Lavender, Ltd.—R. Ewin, 65 11s 8d to 11s 10d, 9 10s.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Ltd.—Western agents, 54 10s 2d; R. J. Goggin, 57 11s; D. Graves, 7 10s, 10 7s.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—J. Cuffe, 21 l 14s 10d, 23 h and l 14s 6d, 12 l 8s 7d; C. Wynne, jun., 10 h 15s 5d; C. Wynne, 15 h 15s 3d; D. M'Donald, 113 10s 2d to 10s 5d; L. Webster, 55 11s 9d to 11s 11d, 25 9s 6d; R. L. Gilmour, 26 h 12s 6d, 11 l 11s 9d; P. Boreham, 62 l 11s, 20 9s 7d to 9s 9d; A. Boreham, 114 l 12s 4d to 12s 5d.

Weaver and Perry.—A. A. Bowen, 20 15s 2d, 64 13s 7d to 13s 8d; J. M'Cormack, 15 14s 6d, 36 12s 4d to 12s 7d; W. Onus, 10 13s 10d, 25 13s 6d; D. Weaver, 15 12s 2d, 43 11s 2d to 11s 3d; Southern agents, 43 12s 10d to 13s, 53 10s 6d, 10 9s; E. Bunn, 43 12s 2d, 36 10s; P. H. O'Brien, 8 10s, 5 8s.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—C. R. Wippell, 225 l and h 14s 4d to 14s 5d, 19 13s, 70 12s 3d to 12s 4d; H. McPhee, 27 l 13s 3d, 8 10s 3d; E. F. Doyle, 43 12s 6d, 43 11s 6d; J. W. E. Heriot, 5 13s 6d, 6 10s, 5 8s; A. J. McInnes, 5 12s 4d, 5 12s 3d, 24 9s 9d; A. S. Tom, 46 8s.

J. C. Young and Co.—G. H. Greene, 90 15s 2d to 15s 5d, 124 14s to 14s 2d; Northern agents, 72 14s 2d to 14s 5d, 8 11s 8d; A. W. Meppam, 10 13s 8d, 64 12s 11d to 13s 2d; S. S. Hunt, 10 h 10s 6d, 96 l 9s 5d; Western agents, 87 h 13s 10d.

New Zealand L. and M.A. Company, Limited.—M. Wright, Moree, 10 9s 6d, 156 9s 2d, 25 8s 3d, 40 8s, 9d, 21 13s 5d; A. M'Donald, 60 13s 2d, 12 11s, 5 11s; H. Humphries, 5 12s 1d.

Warden Harry Graves and Son.—C. E. Prell, 20 14s 9d, 21 13s 5d; A. M'Donald, 60 13s 2d, 12 11s, 5 11s; H. Humphries, 5 12s 1d.

Joseph Leeds and Co.—L. C. Bailey, 30 11s 7d, 27 9s 10d, 5 7s 5d; A. Stevenson, Tarana, 53 11s 1d; W. and J. Locke, 21 11s, 22 10s; G. S. B. Wood, 10 h 8s 1d, 71 7s, 9 6s 9d.

### CATTLE.

Upwards of 919 cattle were yarded, representing 33 consignors. The bulk of the consignments were from the northern and north-western districts, with odd lots from the west and south. The yardings, while comprising a fair representation of prime medium-weight and light-weight bullocks, also included a rather large sprinkling of medium and plain bullocks and steers. Prime and heavy bullocks were scarce. About 170 cows and heifers, including one draft (115 head) of good to prime quality from Moree. The bulk were of good to prime, while the balance was made up of inferior and medium. There was a small attendance of buyers at the opening, and as the supply was rather beyond the demand the market opened to slack competition at a fall of from 5s to 10s per head. This tone, with an occasional firming for prime light-weight bullocks, prevailed to the close. Quotations: Yards of prime bullocks, £8 15s to £9 5s; yards of prime and heavy bullocks, £9 15s to £10 5s; odd extra prime beasts to £10 11s; yards of good bullocks, £7 10s to £8 5s; yards of medium bullocks, £6 10s to £7; yards of light and inferior bullocks and steers, £4 to £6; yards of prime cows, £6 5s to £6 15s; yards of extra prime cows, £7 to £7 10s; odd choice beasts, to £9; yards of good cows, £5 5s to £5 15s; yards of medium and light cows and heifers, £4 to £4 10s. Best beef (prime medium-weight bullocks), 22s, and in odd cases 23s, per 100lb.

Weaver and Perry.—Northern agents, 29 bullocks to £9 7s, avg £8 18s 2d; J. Bishop, Glen Innes, 24 bullocks to £10 11s, avg £8 13s 10d, 8 cows to £7 7s, avg £6 14s; W. P. Bowman, Muswellbrook, 30 bullocks to £8 5s, avg £8 0s 4d; A. R. and F. Bowman, Scone, 65 bullocks to £8 8s, avg £7 17s 3d; E. R. White, Muswellbrook, 11 bullocks to £8 8s, avg £7 17s 1d; Cooper and Son, Muswellbrook, 45 bullocks to £7 18s, avg £7 4s 3d.

Pitt, Son, and Badgery, Limited.—W. R. Munro, Moree, 40 bullocks to £9 10s, avg £7 18s 8d, 115 cows to £7 10s, avg £6 0s 10d; H. F. A. and V. White, Scone, 55 bullocks to £8 13s, avg £8 3s 8d; H. W. Cowper, Manilla, 3 bullocks at £9 9s, 5 cows to £9, avg £8 0s 7d; Jones Brothers, Yass Junction, 22 bullocks to £8, avg £7 2s 6d; N. Powell, Bungendore, 1 bullock £6 6s, 9 cows to £6 15s, avg £6 0s 4d; H. Dewey, Rylestone, 22 bullocks to £9 3s, avg £8 5s 7d; R. L. Gilmour, Kelso, 11 bullocks £7 3s, avg £6 9s 4d.

Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited.—R. M. Fitzgerald, Tongy, Rylestone, 28 bullocks to £10 2s, avg £9 3s 10d; R. M. Fitzgerald, Dabbee, 22 bullocks to £9 16s, avg £9 1s; 1 (crippled) £6 14s; Connell Brothers, Yass, 11 bullocks to £8 14s, avg £7 10s 4d; G. W. Last, jun., 12 steers at £4 19s.

J. C. Young and Co.—Southern agents, 3 bullocks at £7 5s, 8 cows to £6 16s, avg £5 9s 9d.

Maiden Brothers.—J. Ingold, Wallendbeen, 8 bullocks to £9 1s, avg £8 16s; Western agents, 13 heifers at £3.

Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited.—S. J. Treweeke, Adelong Crossing, 20 bullocks to £7 18s, avg £7 6s 6d; C. J. Coughlan, Adelong Crossing, 6 bullocks to £8 16s, avg £8 13s 4d, 16 steers to £6 4s, avg £5 12s 6d.

Hill, Clark, and Co.—Executors late T. A. Heriot, Culcairn, 14 bullocks to £8 16s, avg. £8 15s, 5 cows to £8 3s, avg £7 3s 7d; the Collaroy Company, Collaroy, 50 bullocks to £10 6s, avg. £8 12s 2d; Bakewell Bros., St. Aubin's, 36 bullocks to £8 19s, avg. £8 5s, 4 stags to £8, avg. £7 3s 6d; Irvine Bros., Manildra, 27 bullocks to £10 6s, avg. £8 3s; P. Kiley, Gundagai, 51 ditto to £8 4s, avg. £7 0s 5d; A. D. Brodie, Quirindi, 12 steers, £6 18s; Northern agents, 21 bullocks and steers to £8 8s, avg. £6 14s 11d; Southern agents, 22 bullocks and steers to £6 13s, avg. £6 7s 1d; M. A. Boarer, Muswellbrook, 10 bullocks, £6 5s, 1 stag £6 11s.

William Inglis and Son.—F. Downing, Tumut, 9 steers to £5 13s, avg. £5 11s, 2 cows to £5, avg. £4 14s; M. Downing, Tumut, 2 cows to £5 14s, avg. £5 10s; local owner, 1 cow at £4 5s.

### CITY YARDS.

William Inglis and Son report:—Milch cows: There were 70 yarded, comprising a fair number of heifers, balance cows, chiefly medium quality. Buyers were in full attendance; still competition was dull and sales dragging, the market being much below late rates. Best made from £9 15s to £11 15s; good, £8 to £8 15s; medium, £6 to £7; inferior, £4 to £5 5s. We sold 70 at the above quotations, also 21 dry and fat cattle from £3 to £6 5s.

Fat calves: On Wednesday 383 and on Thursday 57 yarded, making a total of 440 for the week, which was a very heavy supply. All qualities were represented, and with the exception of about 60 prime vealers those to hand were only medium quality young calves and a number of stores. Competition was brisk from a large attendance of buyers, including several requiring stores, and notwithstanding the large yarding prices held firm at late rates for all descriptions. We sold 27 (Southern agents), 30s to £3 15s 6d; 20 (Carrathool), 35s 6d to £3 17s 6d; 15 (Rooty Hill), 18s to 36s; 29 (South Coast), 6s 6d to 33s; 15 (per steamer), 24s to 44s 6d; 12 (Campbelltown), 11s to 31s; 21 (Northern agents), 18s 6d to 44s 6d; and 35 (various owners, in small lots), 9s to 58s.

Fat pigs: On Friday last 275 yarded, chiefly baconers, with a few backfatters, balance porkers. Competition was dull for all classes at low values. Tuesday, March 14, 767 penned, comprising about half porkers, balance baconers, with some backfatters. Owing to the short supply of porkers the market for these improved considerably, prices being highly satisfactory. Bacon pigs were dull of sale, buyers not caring to operate even at low rates. Backfatters were also dull. We sold 52 (Clarence and Macleay Rivers), 12s to 30s; 9 (Rookwood Asylum), 28s to 30s 6d; 15 (Penrith), 16s to 31s; 18 (Windsor), 19s 6d to 29s 6d; 20 (Dungog), 17s to 34s 6d; and 38 (various owners), 12s to 41s 6d. Quotations:—Backfatters (prime and heavy), 45s to 58s; good ditto, 38s to 44s; bacon pigs (prime heavy), 33s to 38s; baron pigs (prime light), 32s 6d to 35s; porkers (prime heavy), 27s to 29s 6d; porkers (prime light), 23s to 25s 6d; porkers (medium), 14s to 18s; store pigs, 7s to 12s; slips, 4s to 8s.

Ellis and Co. report at the City Corporation Yards and their Railway Stock Saleyards:—Milch cows, £4 to £13 7s 6d each; fat cows, £5 5s to £7 13s each. Fat calves: 29 for Southern agents at 20s 6d to 55s 6d, 21 for Beal at 24s to 66s 6d, 15 (various) 12s 6d to 38s. Fat pigs: 15 for Smee at 22s to 70s, 13 for Day at 18s to 26s 6d, 11 for Roberts at 21s to 39s 6d, 29 for Whalan at 16s to 48s, 23 (various) at 20s 6d to 31s 6d each. Store pigs: 19 for Whalan at 5s to 13s each.

Messrs. Hill, Clark, and Co. report having sold 300 pigs from 20s to 45s, also 212 fat calves from 20s to 72s 6d.

Messrs. Maiden Brothers also report having held sales.

Messrs. Geo. Wells and Matthews report having sold a number of calves from 22s 6d to 78s; and pigs, 19s to 50s.

BATHURST, Thursday.

At the Corporation Yards this morning 35 fat cattle were yarded and sold. Good bullocks sold for £8 4s to £9 3s, medium £7 5s to £8, small £5 9s to £7; steers, £5 10s; cows, £4 15s to £6 1s; heifers, £3 17s 6d to £5. 400 fat sheep were yarded. Extra prime weighty crossbred wethers brought 22s 6d, good 18s 3d, good medium 11s 6d to 12s, medium 10s 6d to 11s, small to 10s; small lambs 8s to 8s 9d. 780 store sheep were sold. Ewes brought to 10s, good condition ewes 11s 9d to 12s, ewes, broken mouths, 6s; good condition, big framed wethers, 11s. Pigs: Porkers, £1 1s 6d, light porkers 18s, store slips 17s 6d, suckers 8s.

WEST MAITLAND, Monday.

At the fat stock sales to-day best bullocks made £11 to £11 18s, good £9 to £10 10s, light and medium to £8, cows £5 to £5 10s. The Mooki wethers averaged 19s, best merino wethers made 19s 3d to 20s, seconds to 18s, ewes 13s to 14s 6d, crossbred wethers 17s 6d, ewes to 15s 9d, lambs to 12s 3d. Pigs: Heavy baconers 38s, light to 32s; porkers to 25s, light to 17s 6d; stores to 17s 6d, slips to 8s.

MAITLAND PRODUCE SALES.

WEST MAITLAND, Thursday.

At the Farmers' Union sales yesterday prime lucerne hay made £3 11s to £4 per ton, good to £3 5s; oaten hay to £3 5s; wheaten hay, £2 15s to £3 ton; chaff, 2s 9d to 3s bushel; maize, 3s to 3s 5d; potatoes, £8 to £11 10s ton; onions, 14s to 16s cwt; eggs 1s 1d to 1s 3d doz.; fowls, roosters, 4s 5d pair; ducks to 3s 9d; turkeys, 5s to 14s pair.

At the weekly hide and skin sales best heavy hides made 25s to 28s 6d, good to 23s, light and medium to 16s 6d; calfskins, 6d to 2s; merino sheepskins, 4s 3d to 6s 1d; tallow, £17 to £17 10s ton.

STOCK AND STATION PRODUCE.

The Australian Mortgage, Land, and Finance Company, Limited, John Bridge and Co., Limited, Dalgety and Co., Limited, Goldsbrough, Mort, and Co., Limited, Harrison, Jones, and Devlin, Limited, Hill, Clark, and Co., New Zealand Loan and Mercantile Agency Company, Limited, Pastoral Finance Association, Limited, and Winchcombe, Carson, and Co., Limited, report:—

Tallow.—At yesterday's sales a very firm market prevailed, at full late rates. Quotations: Prime mixed, £20 17s 6d to £21 2s 6d; medium to good mixed, £20 to £20 15s; inferior mixed, £14 10s to £19 10s; broken packages, from £14. 320 casks were offered, and 238 sold.

Hair, Horns, and Sundries.—Horsehair, round shank bones, white and best mixed hoofs, sinews and pizzles realised higher prices. Other lines were unchanged. Quotations: Horsehair, sold to 28½d per lb, cowhair to 13½d, stumps to 8½d; shankbones, best round to £7 12s 6d per ton, mixed to £3 17s 6d, knuckles to £3 17s 6d; hoofs, white to £12 10s, best mixed to £10, ordinary to £5; hidepieces, to £11; sinews, to £24 7s 6d; pizzles, to £8; horns, to 73s per 100; beeswax, to 13½d per lb.

MELBOURNE FRUIT MARKET.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

In the Queen Victoria Markets to-day fruits sold as follows:—Almonds, 3d to 5d per lb; apples, cooking 1s 6d to 3s 6d, eating 2s to 5s 6d; grapes, 2s per case; oranges (imported), 20s to 22s per double case; lemons (imported), 14s to 16s per double case; lemons (local), 3s to 4s per case; melons, water, 1s to 4s 6d per dozen; ditto, rock, 1s to 3s 6d; preserving, 1s to 5s per doz; peaches, 3s per case; pears, culinary, 2s to 3s 6d; dessert, 3s to 6s; plums, 2s to 3s 6d per case.

PROPERTY SALES.

TAMWORTH, Thursday.

This week property sold at auctions realised £12,800. The old show ground (area about 7 acres) yesterday averaged £400 per acre.

## ABSTRACT OF SALES BY AUCTION THIS DAY.

HOUSES AND LAND.

RICHARDSON and WRENCH.—At their Rooms, at 11.30, City and Suburban Properties.

MITCHELL and CRANSTON.—At 116 Abercrombie-street, at 11.30, Cottage.

FURNITURE AND MERCHANDISE.

E. H. BRODRIBB.—At 118 Albion-street, Annandale, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, Oil Paintings, etc.

FRASER, UTHER, and CO.—At Smith's Wharf, Miller's Point, at 3, Corrugated Galvanised Iron, etc.; at the Australia Bond, at 11, Cigars, etc.

J. R. LAWSON and LITTLE.—At the Rooms, at 11, Furniture, Carpets, Pianofortes, Easter Cards, etc.

STRONGMAN and WATSON.—At Mimosa, Abbotsford-road, Homebush, at 11, Furniture, Pianoforte, etc.

NORRISS and CO.—At the corner of Hornsey and Gordon streets, Rozelle, at 11, Stock-in-Trade and Working Plant of a Saw-sharpener, etc.

A. G. JENKINS.—At Wilton-street, Surry Hills, and at Devonshire-street, near Wilton-street, at 11, Gas Engine and Machinery.

M. DE LISSA and CO.—At the Rooms, at 11.30, Stock-in-Trade of Gold and Silver Jewellery, E.P. Ware, Watches, Brushes, etc.

V. H. KELSON.—At the Salerooms, at 3, Furniture, Cutlery, Glassware, etc.

MIDDLETON and CO.—At 170 George-street West, at 2.30, Furniture, Drapery, Clothing, Boots, etc.

J. P. LISTER.—At his Rooms, at 11, Clothing, Boots, Blankets; and at 3, Jewellery, etc.

H. and A. LAWSON.—At 14 College-street, Hyde Park, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Furniture, Dinner and Dessert Services, etc.

H. LEVY.—At 135 Regent-street, at 2, Clothing, Boots, Furniture, etc.

MITCHELL and CRANSTON.—At 78 West-street, Paddington, at 10.30, Furniture, etc.

WOOL AND STATION PRODUCE.

At the Wool Exchange, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

PITT, SON, and BADGERY.—At the Wool Salerooms, at 10.30, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

GEORGE H. MOXHAM and CO.—At the Wool Exchange, at 11, Sheepskins; at 1.30, Hides.

FARM AND DAIRY PRODUCE.

R. F. MURPHY and CO.—At the Rooms, at 1.30, Poultry, Eggs, Pigs, etc.

C. J. TURNER.—At his Rooms, at 1.30, Poultry, Eggs, Suckers, etc.

ELLIS and CO.—At their Yards, at 1, Pigs, Vealers, Butter, Eggs, etc.

W. WHITEMAN.—At Woolpack Saleyards, Parramatta, at 2, Cows, Calves.

HORSES, VEHICLES, AND HARNESS.

W. INGLIS and SON.—At the Bazaar, at 10.30, 11, and 11.30, Horses, Vehicles, etc.; at the Camperdown Yards, at 2, Horses.

NORRISS and CO.—At the corner of Hornsey and Gordon streets, Rozelle, at 11, Horse, Harness, Vehicles, etc.

MISCELLANEOUS.

C. F. W. LLOYD.—At Brumbie-street, Surry Hills, Building Materials, Carpenter's Benches, Sashes, etc.

A. BARNETT.—At Underwood and William streets, Paddington, at 11, Building Materials.

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## MINING INTELLIGENCE.

On the Mining market yesterday there was moderate activity. The tone of shares generally was brighter. Broken Hill mines were firmer all round, and Junction Norths, Junctions, and Souths sold at better rates. Junction Norths sold from 8s 4d to 8s during the day. In the local gold division neither New Hillgrove Proprietary nor Mount David is quoted so well as a day or two ago, but other mines show little variation. Copper lines were in better demand, and Queen Bee and Girilambone were both taken at firm rates. In Queensland gold No. 1 North Oriental were much stronger. Brilliant Central and Queen Cross Reef were a trifle better, but South Glanmire and Monkland on the other hand receded. The Western Australian market was quiet.

Sydney Stock Exchange.—The closing quotations were:—

| | Buyers. £ s. d. | Sellers. £ s. d. |
|---|---|---|
| COPPER. | | |
| Crowl Creek | 0 12 0 | 0 16 0 |
| Girilambone Mining | 0 1 9 | 0 2 0 |
| Queen Bee | 0 19 9 | 1 2 3 |
| TIN. | | |
| Briseis | 0 11 0 | — |
| Smith's Creek Proprietary | 0 4 0 | — |
| Stannary Hills | 0 4 9 | 0 5 3 |
| SILVER. New South Wales, etc. | | |
| British Broken Hill | 0 15 0 | 0 16 0 |
| Ditto, privileged | 0 13 0 | 0 13 9 |
| Broken Hill Proprietary | 2 1 0 | 2 1 6 |
| Ditto, Block 10 | 2 0 0 | 2 1 6 |
| Ditto, Block 14 | 0 4 0 | 0 4 6 |
| Ditto, preference | 0 7 9 | — |
| B. H. Junction | 0 8 9 | 0 9 0 |
| B. H. Junction North | 0 8 3 | 0 8 4 |
| B. H. North | 1 3 9 | 1 4 6 |
| B. H. South | 2 9 0 | 2 9 9 |
| B. H. South, contributing | 2 1 9 | 2 3 0 |
| B. H. South Blocks | 0 5 0 | 0 5 3 |
| Ditto, contributing | 0 1 0 | — |
| Sulphide Corporation (preference) | 1 0 0 | — |
| Sulphide Corporation (ordinary) | 0 8 0 | 0 8 6 |
| Tasmania. | | |
| Curtis and Davis | 0 0 6 | 0 1 0 |
| GOLD. New South Wales, etc. | | |
| King's Reef | — | 0 0 2 |
| Mount David | 0 0 9½ | 0 0 11 |
| Myall and Peak Hill, paid | — | 0 3 9 |
| New Hillgrove Proprietary | 0 9 0 | 0 9 5 |
| Occidental | — | 0 0 3 |
| Sunlight | 0 0 5 | 0 1 0 |
| Woodlark Island | — | 0 2 0 |
| Ditto, contributing | 0 0 5 | 0 1 0 |
| Dredging and Sluicing. | | |
| Araluen Central | 0 12 0 | 0 13 0 |
| Ditto, contributing | 0 11 3 | — |
| Araluen Proprietary | 0 3 0 | — |
| Araluen Valley Consolidated | — | 0 3 2 |
| Coope's Creek | — | 0 8 0 |
| Federal Centrifugal | 0 0 4 | — |
| Jembaicumbene | 0 2 0 | — |
| Jembaicumbene Middle Ground | 0 3 3 | — |
| New Cooper | 0 2 10 | 0 3 4 |
| Queensland. Charters Towers, etc. | | |
| Bonnie Dundee | 0 1 0 | 0 1 4 |
| Brilliant Central | 0 14 9 | 0 15 6 |
| Brilliant Extended | 0 8 0 | — |
| Brilliant St. George | 0 15 0 | 0 16 0 |
| Ditto, contributing | 0 12 0 | 0 12 9 |
| Kelly's Queen Block | — | 0 4 0 |
| Ditto, contributing | — | 0 3 0 |
| London | 0 3 6 | — |
| Marshall's Queen | — | 0 3 0 |
| Ditto, contributing | 0 1 6 | 0 1 8 |
| Mount Morgan | — | 2 15 0 |
| Queen Central | 0 3 11 | 0 4 4 |
| Queen Cross Reef | 0 11 0 | 0 11 6 |
| Ruby | 0 4 10 | — |
| Victoria and Caledonia Blocks, contributing | 0 2 4 | — |
| Victory | 0 2 8 | 0 3 2 |
| Gympie. | | |
| East Oriental and Glanmire | 0 2 6 | 0 3 3 |
| Ditto, contributing | 0 1 9 | 0 2 3 |
| North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 1 | 0 6 10 | 0 7 3 |
| North Oriental and Glanmire, No. 2 | 0 0 4 | 0 0 6 |
| North Phoenix No. 6 | 0 0 4½ | — |
| North Smithfield | 0 4 3 | 0 4 9 |
| South Glanmire and Monkland | 0 6 8 | 0 7 1 |
| South Great Eastern No. 2 | 1 16 3 | 1 17 0 |
| Western Australia. | | |
| Associated | 1 12 0 | 1 16 0 |
| Chaffer's | — | 1 2 0 |
| Great Boulder | 1 0 9 | 1 1 3 |
| Ditto, Main Reef | — | 0 2 0 |
| Ditto, Perseverance | — | 0 11 9 |
| Great Fingall Consolidated | — | 8 5 0 |
| Ivanhoe | — | 8 0 0 |
| Kalgurli, London register | — | 7 10 0 |
| Kalgurli North | — | 0 4 6 |
| Kalgurli South, London register | — | 1 2 6 |
| Lake View Consols, L. R. | 0 18 0 | 1 0 0 |
| Oroya Brown Hill | 3 10 0 | 3 13 9 |
| Parlarra Mines | 0 1 0 | — |
| Princess Royal, North | 0 0 10 | 0 1 0 |
| Queensland Menzies | — | 0 2 8 |
| Queen Margaret | 0 2 2 | 0 3 9 |

### EXCHANGE SALES.

The following sales were reported on 'Change:—South Glanmire and Monkland, 7s, 7s 1d, 7s, 7s 0½d; New Hillgrove Proprietary, 9s 5d; Girilambone, 1s 11d; Broken Hill Junction North, 8s. Noon: Broken Hill Junction North, 8s 2d, 8s 3d; New Hillgrove Proprietary, terms two months, 9s 3d; Great Boulder Proprietary, 21s; Marshall's Queen, contg, 1s 7d. Later: Broken Hill Junction North, 8s 4d; Broken Hill South, paid, 49s 3d; Broken Hill, Block 14, ordinary, 4s 6d; New Wylie Creek, 6s 2d. Afternoon: Broken Hill Junction North, 8s 4d; No. 2 South Great Eastern, 36s 6d. Later: Queen Cross Reef, 11s 3d; Broken Hill Junction North, 8s 1d; Queen Bee, 21s 6d; North Smithfield, 4s 7d; Girilambone, 2s 3d; O.K. Copper, paid, £6 12s 6d; Mount Drysdale, 3s 6d; Girilambone, 2s 3d.

South Glanmire and Monkland crushed 2296 tons for a yield of 910oz retorted gold.

Stannary Hills Mining Company reports in connection with the No. 6 level at the Ivanhoe mines:—"Cutting out the first rich specimen, which went 24 per cent.; the average to the present is over 8 per cent., according to samples, but in these most of the richest ore was rejected."

M'Grath Brothers, at Towamba, cleaned up 24 tons at the Federal battery, at Yambulla, for a return of 117½oz smelted gold. They have 1½ ton concentrates not yet assayed. The stone was taken from gold lease No. 7.

Charters Towers advises that Mr. A. Bowry, a sharebroker, has purchased No. 1 claim east of Carrington's Lion Claim, comprising two men's ground. The price has not transpired, but it is said to be high. Messrs. E. D. Miles and Co., on behalf of the Union Jack Company, have purchased the Old Victoria mine. The Union Jack Company owns the adjacent mine, but the reef can be worked better from the Victoria mine.

Our correspondent at Nowra states that English capital has been introduced, with the object of further working the Grassy Gully gold mine. The work is to be under the management of Mr. A. B. Brownrigg, who has had much experience as an engineer and mine manager.

The South Glanmire and Monkland bore is now down 1005ft, the last 2ft being in sparry quartz.

### INTERSTATE EXCHANGES.

ADELAIDE, Thursday.

The sales and quotations to-day were:—Associated (colonial), 34s 6d, b 34s 6d, s 34s 9d; Great Boulder, 21s 3d, 21s 1½d, b 21s 1½d, s 21s 3d; Golden Pole, 27s 9d, 29s 3d, b 29s 3d, s 29s 6d; Boulder Perseverance (colonial), b 11s, s 11s 6d; Hainault, 18s 3d, b 18s 3d, s 18s 6d; Ivanhoe Junctions, contg, 1s 1½d, b 1s 1d, s 1s 2d; Louise, 1s 4d, b 1s 4d, s 1s 5d; Oroya-Brown Hill (colonial), b 72s, s 72s 6d; Princess Royal, paid, 14s, b 14s, s 14s 6d; ditto, contg, b 12s 3d, s 13s 3d; ditto North, 9½d, 9d; Waihi, 3s 11½d, 3s 3d, 3s 2½d, b 3s 2½d, s 3s 3d; Victory United, 1s 2d, 1s 3d, b 1s 3d, s 1s 2½d; Broken Hill Proprietary, 41s 3d, b 40s 9d, s 41s 3d; Block 14, ordinary, 4s, 3s 9d, b 3s 9d, s 3s 10d; ditto preference, 8s, b 7s 11d, s 8s 3d; British, old, 15s 1½d, 15s; ditto, new, 13s 1½d, b 12s 10½d, s 13s 6d; Block 10, 40s 3d, 40s 6d, 40s 3d, b 40s, s 40s 6d; Junction, 8s 1d, 8s 2d, 7s 11d, b 7s 11d, s 8s; North Broken Hill, b 23s 10½d, s 24s 1½d; South, paid, 48s 6d, 48s 9d, b 48s 9d, s 49s; Junction North, 7s 11d, 7s 10d, 8s 4d, 8s, b 7s 11d, s 8s; Sulphide Corporation, 8s, b 7s 11d, s 8s 1d; New White Leads, 9d, 8½d; Gladstone, £14 10s, b £14 5s, s £14 10s; Chillagoe, 8d; North Queensland Tin, b 37s 6d, s 42s 6d; Paull's Consolidated, £5 5s; Wallaroo, b 22s, s 23s; Stannary Hills, 5s 1d, 5s, 5s 1d, b 5s 0½d, s 5s 1½d.

BENDIGO, Thursday.

Sales: New Argus (ex div.), 39s 6d; New Moons, £6 12s; New Hopeful, 12s 6d; South Moon, £12 7s; Specimen Hill, 25s 3d.

BRISBANE, Thursday.

Quotations:—New Chillagoe, b 9d, s 1s; Stannary Hills, s 5s 1d.

CHARTERS TOWERS, Thursday.

Sales:—Grand Junction, 1s 8d; Kelly's Queen Block, 2s 11d; New Queen, 2s 7d; Phoebe, 4s 8d; Queen Cross Extended, 5d; Ruby 3s 3d; Ruby United, paid, 2s 9d; Ruby South, 5d; Wallis' Day Dawn, 11d.

Quotations:—Bonnie Dundee, s 1s 3d; Brilliant Central, b 15s, s 16s 3d; Brilliant Freehold, b 1s 1d, s 1s 1½d; Brilliant St. George, paid, b 15s 3d; Brilliant Extended, b 5s 6d, s 6s; ditto, paid, b 8s, s 8s 6d; Clark's Worcester, b 1s 1d, s 1s 3d; ditto, paid, b 1s 6d, s 1s 8d; Craven's Caledonia, b 4½d, s 5½d; Day Dawn, b 2s, s 2s 3d; East Mexican, b 1s, ditto, paid, b 2s 6d, s 2s 9d; Golden Alexandra, b 3s 3d, s 3s 6d; Grant and Sunset, b 3d; ditto, paid, b 7d; Grand Junction, b 1s 7d, s 1s 8d; Imperial, b 4d; Kelly's Queen Block, b 2s 11d, s 3s; ditto, paid, b 3s 9d, s 4s; Kulamadau, b 10d, s 11½d; ditto, paid, s 1s 9d; London, b 3s 5d, s 3s 6d; London North, paid, b 7d, s 8d; Marshall's Queen, b 1s 6d, s 1s 9d; ditto, paid, s 2s; Mills' United, b 8s 6d, s 8s 9d; New Irish Girl, s 1½d; New Queen, b 2s 5d, s 2s 8d; Papuan, s 3s; Phoebe, b 4s 3d, s 4s 9d; ditto, paid, b 7s 8d, s 8s; Queen Cross Reef, b 11s 6d, s 11s 11d; Queen Cross Extended, b 4½d, s 6d; Queen Central, b 3s 9d; Queen Central Block, b 9d, s 11d; Ruby, b 3s 2d, s 3s 5d; Ruby United, b 2s 2½d, s 2s 3½d; ditto, paid, b 3s 8d, s 3s 9d; Ruby Macdonald, b 2½d; ditto, paid, b 10d, s 1s; Ruby South, b 4d, s 5½d; ditto, paid, s 1s 6d; Vesuvius, b 1s, s 2s; Victoria and Queen, b 2s 4d, s 2s 8d; Caledonia Blocks, b 2s 4d, s 2s 8d; ditto, paid, b 3s 3d, s 3s 7d; Victory, b 2s 9d, s 2s 11d; Wallis' Day Dawn, b 10½d, s 11½d; ditto, paid, b 1s 3d, s 1s 7d.

GYMPIE, Thursday.

Sales:—No. 1 North Home Rule, contg, 10d, 9½d; No. 1 North Oriental, 7s; Phoenix Golden Pile, 6d.

Quotations:—No. 1 North Columbia, Smithfield, old, b 8d, s 1s 3d; Columbia Consolidated, b 11d, s 1s 2d; No. 2 South Great Eastern, b 36s 6d, s 37s; No. 7 South Lady Mary, b 4½d, s 5½d; No. 1 North Home Rule, paid, b 10½d, s 1s 3½d; ditto, contg, b 9½d, s 10d; Oriental Surprise, b 6d, s 7d; No. 1 North Oriental, b 6s 10d, s 7s; Oriental Extended, contg, b 2½d, s 3½d; Phoenix Pile, b 6d, s 6½d; No. 5 North Phoenix, b 2½d, s 4d; No. 6 ditto, b 5d, s 5½d; North Smithfield, b 4s 5d, s 4s 10d; No. 1 North Victory, b 1s 3d, s 1s 7d.

LAUNCESTON, Thursday.

Quotations:—New Pinafore, b 4½d, s 5d; Tasmania, b 23s 6d, s 25s; Volunteer Consolidated, b 1s 5d, s 1s 6d; Lyell, s 16s 6d; Briseis, b 11s; Mount Bischoff, £42 12s 6d, s £43; Arba, s 4s 6d; Pioneer, £6 5s.

MELBOURNE, Thursday.

The sales and quotations to-day were:—

Silver: Broken Hill Block 10, b 40s 3d, s 41s; Block 14, b 4s 2d, s 4s 5d; ditto Preferential, b 7s 6d; British Broken Hill, b 15s 1½d, s 15s 4½d; Broken Hill Proprietary, 41s 6d, 41s 7½d, b 41s 3d, s 42s; ditto Junction, 8s 1d, b 8s, s 8s 1d; ditto Junction North, 8s 3d, 8s 5d, 7s 11d, b 7s 11d, s 8s; ditto South, b 42s, s 42s 6d; ditto, paid, b 49s, s 49s 6d; South Blocks, s 1s 6d; ditto, paid, s 5s; New White Leads, b 8½d, s 10d; North Broken Hill, 24s, b 24s, s 24s 3d; Round Hill, b £20, s £55; Sulphide Corporation, b 8s, s 8s 2d.

Copper and gold: Mount Lyell, b 16s, s 16s 6d; ditto Blocks, 1s 1½d, 1s 1d, b 1s 1d, s 1s 1½d; Tasmania, b 22s 6d, s 24s 6d; Crowl Creek, s 15s; Vesuvius, s 1s 6d.

Tin mines: Briseis, 11s 9d, 11s 6d, b 11s 6d, s 11s 9d; ditto Extended, £22, £21 15s, b £21 17s 6d, s £22; New Brothers' Home No. 1, 21s, b 21s, s 21s 3d; Gladstone, £14 7s, £14 5s, £14 6s, b £14 5s, s £14 6s; Mayne, paid, 3s, b 2s 6d; Pioneer, b £6 15s, s £6 3s.

Victorian gold mines: Berry Extended, b 17s; Birthday, 14s 3d, b 14s, s 16s; ditto Tunnell, b 11s 6d; Black Horse United, 4s 10½d, 5s, b 4s 9d, s 5s 6d; Cassilis, b 27s 3d, s 28s 6d; Chiltern Valley, s 38s; ditto Cons., b 1s, s 2s 6d; Don, 3s 7½d; Duke of Wellington South, 10d, b 9d, s 1s; Fortuna Hustler's, s 7s 6d; Golden Dyke, contg, 4s 9d, b 4s 9d, s 5s; Great Southern, s 25s; Homeward Bound, 2s, s 3s; Hustler's Reef No. 1, b 6s 9d; Jubilee, b 41s; Junction Dredging, b 23s; ditto, paid, b 23s; King Cassilis, 3s 9d, 3s 6d, b 3s 5d, s 3s 7d; Last Chance, 11d; Llanberris No. 1, b 17s 6d; Long Tunnel, £5 8s, £5 12s, b £5 12s, s £5 14s; ditto Extended, £15 5s, b £15 4s, s £15 6s; Maori Queen, paid, £5 5s, b £5 5s, s £5 10s; Mount Tarrangower, 1s 3d, b 1s 2d, s 1s 4d; New Birthday, 10d, 9d, b 9d, s 1s 3d; New Chum Goldfields, 8s 3d; New Dempsey, b 11s, s 15s; New Hopeful, 12s 3d, 12s 4½d, s 12s 9d; New Moon, £6 12s, s £6 12s; South German, 10s 9d, b 10s, s 12s 6d; South New Moon, £10 7s, b £10 5s, s £10 7s; Star of the East, b 8s; West Berry Consols, b 3s, s 3s 4d; Williams' Fancy, 11s 4½d, s 12s 6d.

Western Australian mines: Bayley's Consols, s 1s 9d; Great Boulder, b 21s, s 21s 3d; Great Fingall Association, s 6s 3d; Tindals, b 7d, s 1s.

### MOUNT LYELL FIELD.

QUEENSTOWN, Thursday.

At the North Lyell, the main shaft is down 663ft on a seam of rich ore about 6ft wide, and worth 20 per cent. Copper is showing in the face of the north contact drive. At the engine shaft workings of the 600ft level the main crosscut is in 88ft from the plat chamber, with the drive in low grade ore. Whether this ore is a continuation of that met with in boring with the diamond drill some time ago has yet to be proved, but it is hoped that it is not, as the grade of the veins referred to was 9 per cent., while that which is at present showing in the crosscut is worth more than 3 per cent. The directors and the secretary visited the mine yesterday, and personally inspected all the underground workings.

At the Lyell Blocks the mill is running two shifts regularly. A revolving canvas table is being fixed up below the Frue vanner shed, and it will be given a trial run in a few days. The main tunnel at No. 3 level has been extended 66ft from the ore bins. The country is now fairly hard schist, driving being at the rate of about 15ft a week. The eastern crosscut from No. 1 balance shaft level is in 490ft, going through clay country. Another creep is showing about a chain from, and north-east of, the balance shaft at the level of the office tunnel, but so far this movement has not caused any serious trouble.

All underground work has been stopped at Brown Lyell, and the mine manager is awaiting instructions regarding the carrying on of surface prospecting operations on a small scale.

Later.

The directors and secretary of the Mount Lyell Company left by special train this afternoon, travelling to Zeehan, with the Governor-General and party.

### LONDON SHARE MARKET.

The following were amongst the quotations for Australian shares on the London Stock Exchange on Wednesday:—Associated, 23s 9d (b); Oroya Brown Hill, 73s (b); Hainault, 19s (b); Lake View Consols, 18s 9d (s); Boulder Perseverance, 11s 6d (s), ex div.; Ivanhoe, £7 18s (s); Great Boulder, 21s 6d (m).

The quotation for lead is £12 6s 3d (b).

## WOMEN'S COLLEGE.

A meeting of the council of the Women's College, Sydney, was held on Tuesday afternoon. There were present Senator J. T. Walker (in the chair), Mrs. H. E. Barff, Mrs. G. T. Cohen, Miss Macdonald, Miss Woolley, Hon. Dr. Cullen, and Mr. G. E. Rich. An apology for absence was received from Miss Fairfax. The principal's report was read, and scholarships for the ensuing academic year were awarded as follows:—Yaralla Scholarship, Miss Clara Smith and Miss Irene Perry; Grace Fraser Scholarship, Miss Maclean; Councillors' Scholarship, Miss Grace Jones. Miss Skillman was appointed mathematical tutor.

A letter was received from Miss Docker and Miss Milner Stephen stating that a sum of £60 had been subscribed by the friends and pupils of the late Miss Wallis, of Ascham, Darling Point, for the purpose of establishing a memorial in the form of an annual prize for German to be awarded at the college, to be called "The Marie Wallis Memorial Prize." The prize was accepted with thanks.

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## FUNERALS.

SCHOFIELD.—The Funeral of the late Mr. SAMUEL SCHOFIELD will leave his late residence, Southgate, Wardell-road, Petersham, THIS MORNING, at 8 o'clock, for Petersham Station, to Parramatta; thence by road to C. of E. Cemetery, Rouse Hill, arriving there about noon.
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LARCOMBE.—The Friends of the late JAMES PAUL LARCOMBE are respectfully invited to attend his Funeral, THIS (Friday) MORNING. The cortege will leave his late residence, Wyoming, Pennant Hills-road, Parramatta, at 9.30 a.m., and proceed thence by road to the Congregational Cemetery, Necropolis, at 11.15.

KENNEDY.—The Friends of Mrs. JAMES KENNEDY are respectfully invited to attend her Funeral; to leave 11 London-street, Enmore, THIS AFTERNOON, at a ¼ to 2 o'clock, for Waverley Cemetery.
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MAYOR.—The Funeral of the late Mr. ROBERT MAYOR will leave our MORTUARY CHAPEL, 810-12 George-street, Sydney (next Christ Church), THIS (FRIDAY) AFTERNOON, at 2.30, for the Long Bay Cemetery.
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## MEETINGS.

WOMEN'S Parliamentary Debating Union.—To-night, School of Arts, "Habitual Criminals Bill."

R.B.P., 146 and 349.—Spec. Meeting To-night, 7.45, Prot. Hall, Deg. 3, 4, 7, 8. L. Burnet, Dep. Reg.

PADDINGTON Labour League meets To-night at 8, Town Hall. Ladies cordially invited.

THE MALTING COMPANY OF NEW SOUTH WALES, Limited.
NOTICE is hereby given that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the abovenamed Company will be held at the Registered Office of the Company, No. 25 Castlereagh-street, Sydney, on MONDAY, the third day of APRIL, 1905, at twelve o'clock noon, when the subjoined resolution which was passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the fifteenth day of March now instant will be submitted for confirmation as a Special Resolution:—"That the Company be wound up voluntarily under the provisions of the Companies Act, 1899."
Should the Resolution be confirmed a further Resolution will be proposed at the same meeting for the appointment of a Liquidator for the purpose of such winding up and fixing his remuneration.
Dated this seventeenth day of March, 1905.
By order of the Board.
A. R. HARWOOD,
Secretary.

THE ARALUEN CENTRAL GOLD DREDGING COMPANY, No Liability, 8 Citizens'-chambers, 36 Moore-street.—NOTICE is hereby given that the Fifth Annual MEETING of the Shareholders in the abovementioned Company will be held at the Board Room, Vickery's-chambers, 82 Pitt-st, Sydney, on SATURDAY, the 25th day of March, 1905, at 12.30 p.m. Business: To receive and consider statement of Account and Balance-sheet; to receive and consider report of Directors; to elect a Director in lieu of James A. Gegg, J.P., who retires from the Board in accordance with the rules of the company, and is eligible for re-election; to elect an auditor in lieu of R. H. Crimp, Esq., who retires, but is eligible for re-election; to transact any other business that may be brought before the meeting in accordance with the Rules of the company. By order of the Board, SAMUEL KEARNEY, Secretary. Sydney, March 16th, 1905. The Rules of the company provide that proxies must be deposited at the registered office of the company, 8 Citizens'-chambers, 36 Moore-street, Sydney, not later than 12 noon on FRIDAY, the 24th day of March, 1905, and that no person shall be appointed to act as proxy who is not a member of the company and entitled to vote.

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